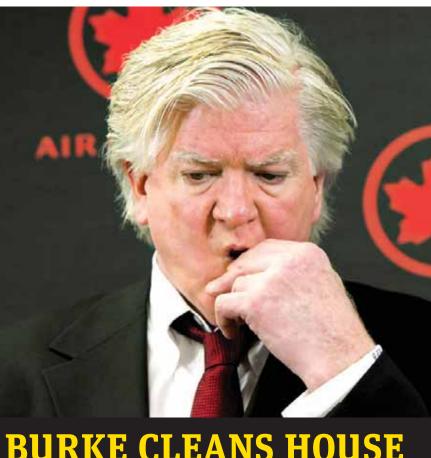
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Brian Burke, Calgary Flames' president of hockey operations, announces the firing of GM Jay Feaster and assistant GM John Weisbrod at a press conference Thursday. The announcement has left some pundits puzzled over the move. Stories, pages 4 and 67. LARRY MACDOUGAL/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Feds need to tackle drug-impaired drivers: Police chief

Change sought.

MADD Canada has long critiqued current enforcement strategies and advocated for random roadside testing



BRYAN WEISMILLER

Calgary's top cop says Ottawa needs to get with the times and give his officers the tools to yank drugged-up motorists off the road.

In a year-end interview, police Chief Rick Hanson told Metro that the federal government should enter "the 20th century" by approving roadside devices that detect street drugs such as pot, cocaine and crack.

Hanson maintained "the science is there," and there are products listed online that appear to back up that

"We're not trying to split a hydrogen atom or accelerate a molecule," he said. "No -this is pretty basic stuff."

Hanson conceded suspected drugged drivers are flouting the law because it's hard to catch them without an "objective assessment."

To that end, he wants to see legal limits introduced on a drug-by-drug basis.

"Imagine trying to do impaired driving convictions without a breathalyzer," Hanson said. "That's where we are now.'

Right now, police must conduct cumbersome drug recognition evaluations before demanding a blood, urine or saliva sample from suspects.

But even before that process starts, cops must do a better job determining when someone is high behind the wheel, said one of Calgary's 11 drug recognition experts.

Const. Andrew Fairman recently told Metro that officers are too often settling for the "default option" of a 24-hour driving suspension instead of pursuing criminal charges.

MADD Canada has long critiqued current enforcement strategies and advocated for random roadside testing.

Denise Dubyk, with the group's Calgary chapter, praised Hanson as a person who "gets it."

"I'm very happy he's come out to talk about it," Dubyk said. "I think it'll begin the movement across the country to federal Parliament that something needs to be done.'

When asked for an interview, the federal Justice Department emailed back a statement that did not address Hanson's specific concerns, other than to say the issue was being studied by a



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Bike blitz catches a lot of questions too

That your bike? Prove it. Lawyer says police tactics raise concerns

over potential profiling



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Calgary police announced Thursday that a two-month operation this summer resulted in the recovery of 50 stolen bicycles and the arrests of 17 people, but some are questioning the efficacy — and legality — of the tactics officers employed.

Sgt. Katrina O'Reilly said police chatted up countless

people riding or walking with bicycles in the downtown and Beltline areas and, based on "the police officer's discretion," asked some of them to prove they owned the bikes.

"If they weren't able to identify themselves as the owner quite quickly ... we'd give them an opportunity to present ownership later and come pick up their bike," O'Reilly said.

"But we'd seize those bikes and essentially, if they didn't show up to claim them later, we were able to keep them."

Brian Seaman, a Calgarybased human-rights and civilliberties lawyer, said that sounds like "a serious violation" of a "fundamental principle" of the justice system.

That cyclist look

"We certainly weren't stopping couriers or people commuting or things like that.... It was people who were walking around, pushing a bike, perhaps didn't look like they were cyclists."

Calgary Police Sgt. Katrina O'Reilly

"That is, you are presumed innocent until proven guilty," he said. "It's highly unorthodox and very problematic for the police to be stopping somebody and then asking them to essentially prove ownership of property."

Seaman said he doubts the charges would hold up in court, if challenged.

Steven Coutts welcomed the police attention to bike

theft, following the arrest of a suspect and the recovery of one of two high-end bicycles stolen from his family.

However, he said there should be a focus higher up the criminal food chain.

"Anything they can do to combat bike theft is great in my books," he said. "But I don't think just picking on the guys on the street is going to end the problem."

Labour

AUPE sues over new wage law

Alberta's largest publicsector union has filed a lawsuit against Premier Alison Redford's government over a new law that imposes a contract on union members.

The Alberta Union of Provincial Employees claims the law violates the charter rights of workers to act collectively and also breaches their rights to liberty and security.

"The deprivations of liberty and security of the person caused by Bill 46 are not in accordance with the principles of fundamental justice," reads the statement of claim filed in Court of Queen's Bench on Thursday.

The lawsuit asks a judge to reinstate the union's right to binding arbitration and to make the province reimburse workers for wages the union believes they would lose under the imposed deal

The imposed four-year contract kicks in at the end of January unless the province and the union reach an agreement.

It would freeze wages in the first two years and give one per cent increases in each of the following two years.

Redford has said the law is necessary to ensure that public-sector wages stay in line with wage restraints faced by teachers and physicians.

The union stresses that the right of binding arbitration was granted under former Progressive Conservative premier Peter Lougheed.

In the 1970s, Lougheed's government recognized that binding arbitration was a fair concession for taking away the union's right to strike.

THE CANADIAN PRES



Firefighters and ATCO workers respond to a gas-line rupture in Kensington on Thursday afternoon. ROBSON FLETCHER/METRO

City handles gas leak

Nineteen homes were evacuated in Calgary's Kensington neighbourhood Thursday after an excavation crew ruptured an underground gas line.

Police cordoned off a large area north of Kensington Road as gas service was cut off to more than 400 homes.

Carol Bondaroff was at her house on 11th Street N.W. when the line was ruptured around 9 a.m. "We just heard gushing gas coming up and ... the smell was quite strong," she said.

Shortly after, Bondaroff said firefighters went door to door, asking residents to leave.

The line was repaired by early afternoon, and firefighters and police then went door to door to apprise residents of the situation.

An ATCO regional senior manager said dozens of employ-

ees were also visiting homes to inspect furnaces and other appliances to ensure they're safe.

Bondaroff said the lack of gas heat was a minor inconvenience, especially given what residents went through earlier.

"Our whole street was affected by the flood and it was a three-day evacuation," she said. "This was only for the morning. We were equipped for that."

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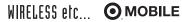


















Bloggers and fans see Feaster firing as premature

Flames. Reaction is swift from Calgarians after GM, assistant GM are shown the door

RILEY HILL

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For city hockey blogger Kent Wilson, the firing of Calgary Flames general manager Jay Feaster and assistant general manager John Weisbrod seemed to come out of nowhere.

"It seems very early for something like this to happen," said Wilson, managing editor of the hockey blog FlamesNation.

"Feaster had only just started to rebuild."

Such was the reaction of many local hockey fans following news that Brian Burke, president of hockey operations with the Flames, canned Feaster and Weisbrod after a sluggish start to the season.

After taking over as Flames GM two years ago, Feaster set his sights on replacing aging stars with young blood that, it was hoped, would result in future playoff success.

Feaster brought in Weisbrod, who many saw as a sort of guru for scouting. Soon after, Burke was brought into the fold.



Quoted

"I worry that Burke's impatience will lead him to mortgage some of our younger guys."

Taylor McKee, writer with FlamesNation, on Calgary's new interim GM Brian Burke

And less than 30 games later, Feaster and Weisbrod are

"To me, doing this so early in the season makes very little sense," said Taylor McKee, a local writer with FlamesNation.

McKee sees Burke's decision as a premature, rash reaction to the Flames' recent string of losses.

"Everyone was saying, 'We need to blow it all up and start again,'" he said. "We finally do it, and the guys you trusted to blow it up you don't trust to do a rebuild? It doesn't make a lot of sense."

Local hockey fan David Humphry was less sure about whether Burke's decision was good or bad; he's just tired of seeing the Flames flounder.

"Getting rid of the two after 30 games does seem early, but if you're in Burke's position, you can't just watch them lose week after week," he said.

Strasser-Hird case

Another man charged in murder

Police have arrested a fourth suspect in connection with the murder of Calgarian Lukas Strasser-

The accused faces a count of second-degree murder and will be identified once he's seen a justice of the peace, police said in a statement Thursday afternoon.

Strasser-Hird, 18, was beaten and stabbed in an alley in the 200 block of 10th Avenue S.W. in the early hours of Nov. 23.

He was rushed to hospital but later died surrounded by family and friends.

His father, Dale Hird, has said he son was beaten so badly he could only recognize him by his hands and the smell of his hair.

Nathan Paul Gervais, 18, already faces a first-degree murder charge in connection with the killing. Franz Emir Cabrera, 19, and Joch Pouk, 20, face counts of second-degree murder.

It's believed Strasser-Hird and friends first became involved in a confrontation inside a downtown bar and were promptly escorted outside.

The rival groups then came face-to-face in an alley and an altercation broke out.

Police did not rule out more arrests in the killing on Thursday, saying "further charges are anticipatad"

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Many of province's flood-displaced furry survivors still without homes

Lost and found pets

Cavalier - This kitty was named for the model of the car she was found floating in near 2nd Avenue S.E. She had no identifying tags but photos were posted to Heaven Can Wait's Facebook page. Rescue agency

founder Kim Hessel said it was "pretty amazing" the day she received a mes-



sage from Cavalier's owner. As it turns out, the woman was forced to abandon her car as water surged into town and had to gamble on whether the cat would be safer wading with her or inside the car.

Firehall - Found laying in a ditch near High River's fire hall, rescuers at first thought this cat had died. She was

covered in mud, hydrat-



ed and exhausted. She slept for two days straight after being recovered. Weeks later, a woman called into Heaven Can Wait and informed Hessel Firehall was likely a stray she'd seen wandering around her neighbourhood prior to the flood. Firehall was later adopted by an area family and is doing well.

Heaven in High River. Organization works to reunite pets, owners



IFRFMY NOLAIS

Stray animals keep coming in and few are headed out.

It's quite an endeavour for Kim Hessel, founder of Heaven Can Wait Animal Rescue Foundation, to even count her current collection of pets, all being cared for at her base a few kilometres southwest of High

She has roughly 42 dogs, 250 cats — she considers that number conservative - and has also accommodated reptiles, birds and seemingly any other critter left without a home after flood waters surged into the town south of Calgary in June.

Hessel has a never-ending list of survival stories and can willingly recite them in essaylength emails as if she'd only come across the animal yester-

Months after the floodwaters have receded, animals are still emerging from the rubble. Just last month, Kim and a team of volunteers were called

Sunrise Terrace — This kitty with several other felines. building but appeared to have in the High River area, which was ravaged by floods in June. The rescue foundation still has 250 or more cats and dozens of dogs in need of homes.

to an apartment after cleanup crews reported a cat had darted across their path.

The feline was found trapped in a room no more than 2-3 days from starvation. She'd clearly wandered in at some point long after the building was abandoned in June and Hessel believes had survived on a bag of apricots found inside.

But finding a home for that cat and dozens more is proving quite a challenge, especially as

people who would typically fill the role of prospective owners are struggling just to rebuild their own lives.

"It's tough," she said.
"People were obviously affected by the flood and animals were, too. It wasn't just that 12 or 15 crazy days afterwards, it's still going on."

During those initial days after the disaster, many thankful owners marvelled at the efforts of Hessel and her team to

Reptiles — Heaven Can Wait recovered numerous reptiles from flooded homes and the special food and heated environment they required posed challenges for volunteers. Most of the bearded dragons, like this one, were near death, Hessel said. Volunteers sprang into

To offer support or adopt from Heaven Can Wait Animal Rescue Foundation, call or text 403-660-4744. The organization also has posted photos of the animals it's caring for on Facebook.

Searching for strays

"These people are dealing with a huge sense of guilt, loss and not knowing.... I want to be able to at least tell them that their animal perished in the flood."

Kim Hessel, founder of Heaven Can Wait

retrieve their beloved pets from areas not always deemed safe.

Kari Edwards's cat Carlos was found four weeks after the flood in a trap set by Hessel behind her now-bulldozed home in downtown High River.

"Kim went to look for Carlos every single day and kept in touch with me, kept my hope up" Edwards said Thursday, adding that being reunited with her prized pet "was a huge turning point."

action, heating the creatures

by pressing them close to their own bodies. Not one of the "beardies" recovered by the organization



But two lovebirds found

in a home

S.E. pulled

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Two lovebirds — Unfortu-

nately, birds caught up in

the chaos of High River's

flood were not so lucky. Hes-

sel said several were found

without water or food for

days and died shortly after.

Pittie — This pit bull was among the most difficult for Hessel and her team to rescue. He had originally

been left in a crate on the main floor of a home along 6 Avenue, but later broke free. "Pittie," as



Hessel refers to him, was found "terrified and standing his ground in a good foot of water." It took two volunteers, a slip leash and a great deal of patience to snatch Pittie and take him to a place where he could be properly cared for.

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was found in a condo building Doors to the units had been left open and the animals were moving freely around the been without food or fresh water for more than a week.





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Celebration for a nation.

#HaiyanYYC makes a final fundraising push

After a successful fundraising immediately following Typhoon Haiyan's devastating contact with the Philippines, two local Filipino brothers want Calgary to celebrate.

Flames Central will host the #HaiyanYYC Celebration Show this Saturday, and organizers Joel and Jason Olandesca are throwing the party to applaud the city's fundraising for victims of Typhoon Haiyan and to ask Calgarians to give one last time.

"It's going to be huge," Jason said. "There's going to be a lot of people and live music. It should be a great fundraiser and a great party."

The event will feature live music from a variety of genres. Joel said musicians, mostly from the Filipino community, came out in droves after the typhoon, looking to help any way they could.

"Everyone wanted to

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do something, but no one knew what was going on out there," he said.

The two brothers were already organizing fundraising events around the city through the #Haiyan YYC website. They decided a party would be a great way to both thank Calgarians for their efforts and make one last big push for donations.

"When someone's in trouble, there's always people willing to step-up and help out," Joel said. "That's just the spirit of Calgary."

RILEY HILL FOR METRO

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Over the past couple of weeks, the city has done everything it can to prepare people for the wintry roads; there are apps, cameras, websites, news bulletins and Twitter accounts.

But none of these forms of communication actually help with the biggest problem of all: the roads themselves.

In some circles, the city council is still praised for bumping up the snow removal budget by \$11 million in 2012. But really, when you look at the numbers, all the newly allocated money did was to help the budget go from terrible to less terrible.

I don't say this often, but let's take Edmonton as a shining example. Alberta's capital city actually sees less snow than Calgary (by

It makes snow sense

Maybe I would understand if the city of Calgary had recently survived an apocalyptic event or modern ice age and we, as a society, were learning to adapt to a new world that covers our land in snow and ice for six months of the year.

five centimetres), has 4,000 fewer paved lane kilometres than we do, (we have 15,000 km), yet their budget to keep Edmontonians safe is drastically different: \$50.4 million to our \$34 million.

Maybe I would understand if the city of Calgary had recently survived an apocalyptic event or modern ice age and we, as a society, were learning to adapt to a new world that covers our land in snow and ice for six months of the year. But, if I'm to believe Canada's national hero Cmdr. Chris Hadfield, the world and this particular climate has been around for quite some time.

So why haven't we adapted?

Well, I'm not too sure. Maybe we're too dependent on chinooks or maybe we've let our city get too big.

As someone who grew up in the Maritimes, whose love of snow days was often thwarted by efficient snow removal strategies, I continue to be baffled by Calgary's struggles with the fluffy white stuff. (I'll skip over how easy it would be to point out that we're likely the only city to ever host the Olympic Winter Games, yet be crippled by said season practically every year.)

While the common trend of 2013 has been to turn to our mayor in times of crisis, Mayor Nenshi has yet to find his usually reassuring voice when it comes to snow removal.

During the last blizzard, he tweeted a suggestion that we stay home from work if we could. An awesome idea, so who's going to call my boss and tell him I'm not coming in and I'd still like to get paid? And in a quote earlier this week, Mayor Nenshi said, "People need to just complain to the deity of their choice about the fact that it just continues to snow."

When our elected officials are looking to the skies (or wherever) for help, I can't help but feel a little nervous.

Of course there's things Calgarians can do too. Start with winter tires, then add a little patience and a dash of kindness — not to mention driving for the conditions — but it all means nothing if we're being sent out on dangerous roads.

And let's not forget, it's not even officially winter yet.





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Tuition freeze could leave long-term funding gap

Provincial officials initially kicked in funding to cover a mandated freeze on Alberta post-secondary tuition, but now it's unclear how schools will close a gap in base revenue for the 2014-15 school

The mandated move spared

inflationary adjustment and the advanced education ministry supplied nearly \$16 million to cover the initial operating shortfall from schools.

But now institutions are considering potential bumps to education costs for the 2014-15 year and it's unclear who will cover a gap in funding with a cap on maximum tuition hikes and no clear word on whether the province will once again kick in "backfill" dollars.

At the University of Calgary, for example, Students' Union President Raphael Jacob said he and other members of the institution's board of governors will vote on a maximum one per cent tuition hike Friday, but the school may still be about \$2 million short because it didn't raise its starting point for such fees in

He hopes the province will continue to provide the extra

"If not, it would be a cut of sorts almost," he said.

University of Calgary senior officials were not available for an interview Thursday and could not confirm Jacob's claim of the one per cent tuition increase, but a representative said the provost would be available to discuss the matter further after Friday's meeting.

The advanced education ministry, meanwhile, said it's currently mapping out its 2014 budget but "continuing to fund the gap created when government paid tuition this year remains a priority."

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Calgary Transit plans to enter into a \$1.8-million contract with Sherwood Electromotion to overhaul old C-Train motors without going through the normal tendering process because it believes the company is the only one capable of properly doing the work.

Citing "constant reliability issues" with other vendors over the past three years, the city has issued a "notice of intent" to proceed with the contract, although it will entertain other

"We typically do that sort of thing when we've done a lot of research out in the market and we found there's only one company that's able to do what we want to do," explained fleet manager Russell Davies.

He added that Calgary Tran-

sit has tried numerous other contractors around the world and found the results to be "not so good," in many cases.

We've had motors come back after a significant amount of work and the train has failed before it's made it out of the garage," Davies said. "So we have to send their motors back they're covered under warranty — but some of them have had to go back two or three

Motors for the city's U2 light-rail vehicles are now 30 years old, and "the skill base isn't there" among many mechanics to service them properly,

Overhaul costs

Calgary's old-model LRT cars would cost around \$300,000, but Transit can get them reliably overhauled for between \$30,000 and \$35,000, according to its fleet director.



High schoolers deck the halls with trees aplenty

Grade 10 student Corey Ogden, left, and Grade 12 student Jackson McDonough pose by one of the many Christmas trees on display Thursday at Western Canada High School. Team's competed to see who could decorate their tree the best. Winners were decided by which team could raise the most money, with all donations going to the Brenda Strafford Centre, which houses victims of domestic violence. RILEY HILL FOR METRO

Undead

Records say living woman is dead

A Calgary woman says she was shocked to find out the Alberta government has declared her dead. Tamille Holloway, who is 28, found out when she went to her

doctor last week. She says her doctor was stunned to see her because their records had indicated that she had just died. Office staff showed her a notification from Alberta Health that says Holloway died several days earlier but there was no indication of how or where. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Alberta premier

Cabinet to be sworn in Friday

Members of Alberta Premier Alison Redford's reshuffled cabinet are to be sworn in Friday in a ceremony at Government House. The swearing-in

will take place a week after Redford announced changes that included dumping deputy premier Thomas Lukaszuk. The ceremony was delayed after Redford was invited to join the Canadian delegation to South Africa for a memorial service for Nelson Mandela. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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JEREMY NOLAIS

Even as surgeons at the Rockyview General Hospital sliced into an elderly patient's knee, Ria Bruno kept her eyes fixed on a live feed of the procedure.

The Grade 12 Bishop O'Byrne student expects, with a little luck, she could very well be performing similar operations someday.

But Thursday marked an important occasion in her education, her first chance to witness a surgery in realtime and question those per-

First of its kind

The live-broadcast program unveiled Thursday is believed to be the first of its kind in Western Canada.

forming the relatively standard knee replacement. The opportunity was provided to Bruno and dozens of her peers through a partnership between Alberta Health Services and Telus Spark.

The science centre hosted the live broadcast and intends to do many more in the months ahead, according to Dr. John Kortbeek, a professor and head of the department of surgery at Foothills Medical Centre.

"We want to make the science real for them," he explained. "Hopefully, it will

stimulate their interest in science and science careers in general. We'd like to expose them to a lot of different options that are available in health care, beyond just doctors and nurses.

Bruno said she'd seen archived surgery videos during high school biology classes, but witnessing the action live was an experience unlike any

"It's really nice to see what actually happens," she whispered, only occasion-ally looking away from the 24-foot-screen in Spark's per-formance theatre. "If I could get an opportunity to do this (job), I probably would."

with Bishop Along O'Byrne, students from Crescent Heights, Notre Dame and the Calgary Board of Education's career and technology centre took part.



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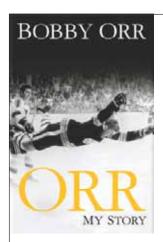
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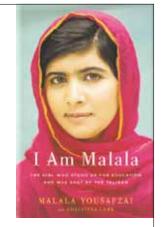








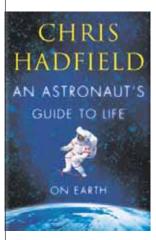












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Help for High River. Mount Royal students want you to come shopping with them

Mount Royal University students are asking Calgarians looking to do a little Christmas shopping to join them in High River Saturday night.
Enactus Mount Royal, a

group of students who take on projects they hope can make an impact in their community, have spearheaded an effort to help the High River business community recover from devastating floods this summer.

The project came as a result of a connection with a High River business owner who said many businesses are seeing only one customer per day - not enough to sustain their once thriving businesses.

The event goes from 4 to 9 p.m., and for \$20, participants will be transported via Red Arrow bus to enjoy a holiday dinner and live music, along with plenty of shopping. METRO

Edmonton

Charges upgraded for speeder with kids in back seat

Having two children in a car while travelling at 163 km/h has led to upgraded charges against a 30-yearold Edmonton driver.

Edmonton Police reviewed the October incident, when they pulled over a motorist driving erratically on the Anthony Henday Drive ring road.

Const. Dean Shwaga said it was the first time he'd seen children - ages eight and nine in this case — in the back of a speeding car.

"It was a shock," he said. At the time, the driver was charged with speeding and other traffic offences, but after reviewing the case, they felt it warranted an upgrade to charges of dangerous driving.

RYAN TUMILTY/METRO IN EDMONTON

South Health Campus popular with patients

Holiday demand.

Alberta Health Services data shows patient load climbing steadily at urgent-care area



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Bonnie Fader had grown tired of trekking across the city for frequent hospital visits.

The Prestwick resident's mother is battling a number of ailments and would typically be forced to schedule appointments at Rockyview General Hospital or Foothills Medical Centre. Then the South Health Campus opened.

"Ît's made it much more convenient," Fader said just before heading through the doors into the centre's emergency

"We're just hearing incredibly positive things from patients and their families. It's been a big success and it's certainly assisted within the Calgary zone to ease some of the capacity pressures."

Lori Anderson, South Health Campus vice-president

room. "This is great for us."

The first phase of the \$1.3-billion campus development opened in September 2012, and was followed a few months later by the long-awaited emergency room.

Data provided by Alberta Health Services indicates the urgent-care area has drawn a patient load that is steadily climbing towards those seen at longer-standing facilities closer to Calgary's core.

From January to Oct. 13 this year, the emergency department saw an average of 152.2 patients, compared to 214.4 among the other three major

sites, Foothills, Rockyview and the Peter Lougheed Centre.

Lori Anderson, campus vice-president and senior vicepresident of Alberta Health Services' Calgary zone, said that mark grew to 162 patients during the first week of December, and up to 180 people have been accommodated some days. She said the winter season tends to put more strain on emergency departments and the South Health Campus is living up to the challenge, drawing away some demand from the other centres.

"We've been able to handle increased patient volumes

without the same capacity challenges," she said. "It has made a difference.

More patients could be bound for the campus soon too, as a bus-rapid transit route has recently been extended down to the site.

But while Heather Forsyth, opposition Wildrose health critic and a south Calgary MLA, said she's heard great feedback from constituents about the offerings at South Health, she still has lingering questions about when the development will be fully operational.

Forsyth has also been critical in the past of the rising costs for the project, which ballooned from an initial estimate of \$500 million.

She also countered Anderson's claims that emergency departments have seen a real reduction in wait times, and said it's time to think outside the box on solutions. WITH FILES FROM DARREN KRAUSE/METRO

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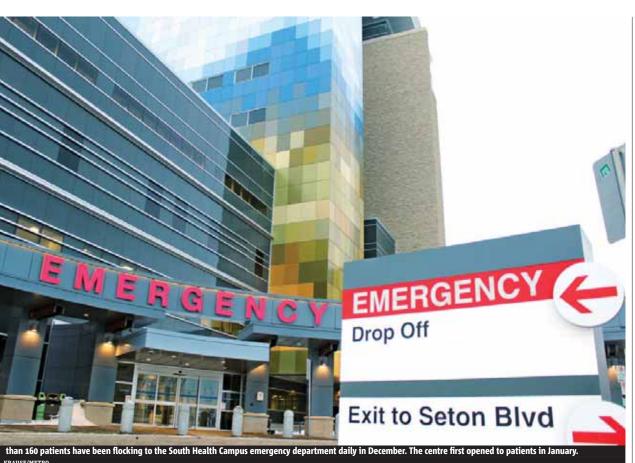












Enough Is Enough. Police look for 'community effort' to help stop drunk driving

Calgary police will be cracking down on holiday revellers who tip back one too many before driving and are asking for the public's help in ensuring everyone gets home safe.

"We certainly see this as a community effort ... the campaign this year is 'Enough Is Enough' and we want the community to recognize that as well," said Acting Insp. Michael Watterston.

Police were out along a busy northeast Calgary stretch for an impromptu daytime Checkstop Thursday afternoon. Similar setups will be seen around the city during December.

Just minutes after Watterston wrapped up his comments to reporters, officers could be seen patting down a man who had been stopped.

He was ushered on board the service's Checkstop bus for further testing. A blood-alcohol reading between 0.05 and 0.79 can see a motorist's licence suspended for three days — anything higher would see charges laid, along with an immediate



driving suspension until the matter is resolved in court.

id suspicions its operator was

Terry Hughes, president of the Calgary chapter of Mothers Against Drunk Driving, said his members will be joining police on city streets.

"What we're saying is it's the community's job to police impaired drivings," he said. "Everybody knows somebody who drives impaired. It's our responsibility to do what we have to — take the keys, call a cab, let them stay at your place, whatever it takes."

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Rob Ford. Reporter serves mayor libel notice

Mayor Rob Ford was slapped with a libel notice late Thursday for televised comments he made about a reporter, who said the remarks amounted to an accusation of pedophilia.

Toronto Star reporter Daniel Dale would not comment on his suit that also names Vision TV, which aired the Ford interview, saying an article he wrote for his newspaper would have to stand.

"Enough is enough. I can't tolerate it. I won't tolerate it," Dale wrote.

"I'm asking Ford to immediately retract the false insinuation that I am a pedophile. I am also serving Vision TV, which twice broadcast Ford's vile and defamatory remarks ... even though their interview was filmed days before it aired."

The notice also calls for Vision TV to apologize.

Ford said a day after the interview that he stood by "every word."

He left city hall Thursday evening without saying anything. THE CANADIAN PRESS



oronto Mayor Rob Ford said at a news conference on Tuesday that he stands by every word" he said during a televised interview in which he appeared to accuse reporter of being a pedophile. CHRIS YOUNG/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Kim Jong-un's uncle executed by N. Korea

Pyongyang. News report calls him 'a traitor to the nation' and 'worse than a dog'

North Korea on Friday announced the execution of Kim Jong-un's uncle, calling the leader's former mentor a traitor who tried to overthrow the state.

The announcement came only days after Pyongyang announced through state media that Jang Song Thaek — long considered the country's No. 2 power — had been removed from all his posts because of allegations of corruption, drug use, gambling, womanizing and leading a "dissolute and depraved life."

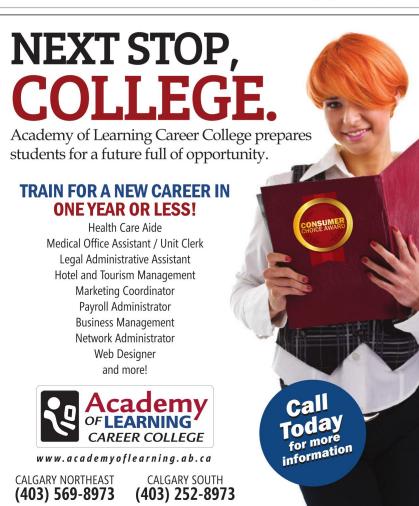
The state news agency KCNA said a tribunal examined Jang's crimes, including "attempting to overthrow the state by all sorts of intrigues and despicable methods with a wild ambition to grab the supreme power of our party and state."

Jang was seen as helping Kim Jong-un consolidate power after the death of his father, Kim Jong-il, two years ago. Jang was the latest and most significant in a series of personnel reshuffles that Kim has conducted in an apparent effort to bolster his power.

Some analysts see the purge as a sign of Kim Jong-un's growing confidence, but there has also been fear in Seoul that the removal of such an important part of the North's government—seen by outsiders as the leading supporter of Chinese-style economic reforms—could create dangerous instability or lead to a miscalculation or attack on the South.

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'Childless' Diefenbaker sired 2 boys?

Brothers' quest to uncover their roots.

Labyrinthine tale of adoptions, broken and reconstituted families turned up 'Dief' as a common thread

Twice-married former Canadian prime minister John Diefenbaker — always believed to have been childless — may have fathered not one but two sons, leaving progeny scattered across the country, The Canadian Press has learned.

About 10 years ago, in Western Canada, three Goertzen siblings began searching for their biological father, Ed Thorne, who had split from their mom four decades earlier.

Stan Goertzen, 52, a retired member of the Saskatoon police service, found Thorne in Kamloops, B.C. He made a startling discovery—that Thorne, who died soon after, had been adopted and renamed Edward Thorne. His name at birth was John Eric LaMarche, and his mother

Diefenbabies

"I got a feeling there might be Diefenbabies running around all over the place."

George Dryden, who called DNA tests that showed a 99.99 per cent probability that he and the Goertzens are related "a very nice surprise, an early Christmas present."

was Diefenbaker's housekeeper Mary Rosa LaMarche.

Content with having found their dad, the Goertzens didn't give the apparent connection to Canada's 13th prime minister much further thought.

One question, however, nagged at the youngest Goertzen brother, Lawrence, who long had doubts about whether Thorne really was his biological father.

Enter George Dryden, 45, who grew up in a Toronto family of privilege only to discover a few years ago that the man who raised him — prominent federal Liberal Gordon Dryden — was not his father.

That revelation prompted Dryden to go on a well-publicized quest to confirm long-time family whispers: that he was the product of an affair between his mother, Mary Lou Dryden, and Diefenbaker, a known confidante.

Dryden, who bears a strong resemblance to the former Conservative prime minister, believes previous genetic matching with a known Diefenbaker relative proved the family connection to his satisfaction.

Lawrence Goertzen, 48, contacted George Dryden and they both sent body samples to a DNA lab, together with Stan Goertzen. The result this month stunned them.

"We're talking about 99.99 per cent probability that they are related," said Kyle Tsui at Toronto-based Accu-Metrics, which did the tests. "This is the expected result for an uncle-nephew relationship." THE CANADIAN PRESS

Adopted son

Search for boy turns up another 'Dief' link

Ruthann Malmgren, now of Rockyford, Alta., had also been looking for Ed Thorne on behalf of her mother, Mary Rosa LaMarche, who years earlier had given him up for adoption.

LaMarche had been Dief-



LaMarche shows a photograph of

her baby Ed Thorne and herself.

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enbaker's housekeeper in Prince Albert, Sask., in the late 1930s, Malmgren said. At the time, Diefenbaker was having marital difficulties, according to a biography of his first wife. His eye apparently rested on his housekeeper.

In 1938, LaMarche fell pregnant and was promptly sent to Bethany Home in Saskatoon. Little John was born in February 1939. His birth certificate did not list a father.

Malmgren, 70, remembers her dad would say the

baby was Diefenbaker's. He would be angry his wife wore a locket with photos of herself and the infant.

The baby, John Eric LaMarche, was adopted and renamed Edward Thorne.

Malmgren tracked Thorne down to Kamloops and, through him, connected with Stan Goertzen around 2003. She told him his biological father, Ed Thorne, was Diefenbaker's son. THE CANADIAN PRESS









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June 5-6

Glenn Greenwald stories in the Guardian reveal a secret court order enabling U.S. National Security Agency to spy on Verizon calls and the NSA's PRISM program that monitored Apple, Facebook and Google user data.

June 9

Edward Snowden goes public as the source of the leaks.

Aug. 29

Washington Post reveals 178-page, \$52.6 billion fiscal 2013 "black budget" for the U.S. National Intelligence Program, which employs 107,035 people.

Dec. 4

The Washington Post reports NSA is gathering five billion records daily about mobile-phone locations around the world.

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Documents leaked by whistleblower Edward Snowden have revealed how the U.S. government is tracking mobile phone locations, monitoring email and even infiltrating video game networks.

The U.S. is not alone in spying on citizens. A multitude of governments and businesses in Canada track a variety of ways that concern security experts and civil libertarians.

"We're able to see how many mundane and personal aspects of life are recorded and retained." said Adam Molnar, a postdoctoral fellow in Queen's University's Surveillance Studies Centre.

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"This may be time to have a public discussion to draw those boundaries between our Charter of Rights and Freedoms and the extent to which national security remains a priority," Molnar said.





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the words "One Nation Under CCTV" with a security guard watching him is situated under a security camera.

Our products can be used for good or bad: Surveillance CEO

Alexander Fernandes had a dream in 2004 to build a better surveillance camera.

His B.C.-based Avigilon Corp. now sells high-definition systems with up to 29 megapixel resolution and wants to dominate a global market forecast to be worth \$30 billion by 2016.

"A camera by itself is just a paperweight in the context of security and surveillance," chairman and CEO Fernandes told Metro. "You need to be able to record all that video, search it, retransmit it over the Internet, in some cases view it remotely. We've created the world's first from-the-groundup video-surveillance system."

TSX-traded Avigilon is valued at nearly \$1.27 billion. Revenue increased from \$60 million to \$100.3 million last year. Systems cost as little as \$500, but the company boasts multimillion-dollar such as the Rogers Centre in Toronto, San Diego Metro Transit Authority and Saudi Arabia's King Abdulaziz Airport. City of Vancouver used Avigilon during the 2010 Winter Olympics for policing and traffic control.



Fernandes calls video surveillance a "platform for honest people and honest businesses to protect themselves from bad people doing bad things to good people."

"There's a balance between protecting people and property and not going too far and invading people's privacy," he said. "I'm a private citizen as well, so I don't necessarily want people looking in on my private space. At the same time I've got children and I want some sense of them being reasonably safe going about their day-to-day livelihood catching the bus and going to school.

Video surveillance is a tool, like a car or hammer, that can be used for good or bad, he said.

Closed-circuit TV footage helped identify 2011 Stanley Cup rioters and led to the arrest of a Surrey man police believe sexually assaulted a woman who mistook a black minivan for a taxi on Oct. 12 in Gastown.

Allan Bosomworth, co-owner of Railtown's now defunct Two Chefs and a Table, was accused in September of hiding a camera in the restaurant's bathroom to record below-the-waist images. His next court date is Dec. 11.

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WestJet free-gift video exceeding expectations

15 million views.

Airline went all Oprah on hundreds of travellers and got a big brand boost for its trouble

While WestJet insists its holiday gift-giving stunt that spawned a viral video wasn't intended to be a commercial in disguise, marketing experts say the Canadian airline's brand is getting an invaluable boost as the YouTube hit count continues to surge.

In the video, which surpassed 15 million views on Thursday, the airline hatches an elaborate holiday surprise for more than 250 travellers



heading to Calgary on flights from Toronto and Hamilton.

WestJet customers are seen stumbling upon a video kiosk that connects them with a blue-suited Santa Claus, who asks what they'd like for Christmas.

A family asks for a big

TV, a boy wants a tablet, and one man asks for socks and

WestJet staff then scramble to buy the gifts to fill those requests, which are wrapped and delivered via a luggage carousel in Calgary. The shocked reaction of the passengers as they realize what WestJet has done is a feel-good tearjerker.

"They pulled it off in stunning fashion," said Mitch Joel, president of Twist Image.

WestJet said it had hoped the video would generate 200,000 views. Marketing professor David Soberman says it's a great campaign because it reinforces the image WestJet has tried to portray without being overly obvious. THE CANADIAN PRESS



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Central African Republic. Peacekeepers tackle sectarian violence

African peacekeepers fired into the air Thursday in Central African Republic's chaotic capital, trying to disperse a mob bent on hunting down and killing Muslims taking refuge in a church compound.

The unrest in Bangui underscored the uncertainty that remains in the capital of the Central African Republic, despite the arrival of 1,600 French soldiers and patrols by regional African peacekeepers. The two forces are seeking to stabilize this impoverished, now lawless, country.

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Storm Alexa. Syrian refugee camp hit hard by snow, wind and rain

Syrians at a sprawling refugee camp in northern Jordan scrambled to batten down their tents against torrential rains and high winds as a blustery winter storm battered parts of the Middle East for a second day Thursday.

The storm, dubbed Alexa,

already has pounded much of Lebanon and parts of northern Syria, pushing temper-atures below zero and dumping snow and heavy rains. At Jordan's sprawling Zaatari refugee camp wind toppled at least 10 tents overnight.

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Mandela

Massive event. Final goodbye comes with major challenges for tiny Qunu

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The population of Qunu is just under 300, but a mass invasion is underway ahead of Nelson Mandela's funeral Sunday, when the Eastern Cape village where Madiba grew up hosts one of the largest events in South African

"There is a lot of people and a

lot of disruption," said a spokesperson at the Nelson Mandela Museum, the largest building in Qunu, which has become the site of a marquee for the world's media.

Much larger temporary structures are being hastily constructed to host the ceremony and its 5,000 guests, with officials admitting work is behind schedule. Eleven venues in the local area will screen the funeral for those unable to attend, with up to 70,000 expected, and accommodation prices rising sharply across the region.

Roads leading to the village will be blocked, and the local airport in Mthatha will

Interpreter says

The man accused of faking sign interpretation while standing alongside world leaders like U.S. President Barack Obama at Nelson Mandela's memorial service said Thursday he hallucinated that angels were entering the stadium, has schizophrenia and has been violent in the past.

Thamsanga Jantjie said in a 45-minute interview with The Associated Press that his hallucinations began while he was interpreting and that he tried not to panic because there were "armed policemen around me." He added that he was once hospitalized in a mental health facility for more than one year and a half.

The statements by Jantjie also raise serious security issues for Obama, other heads of state and United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon who stood next to Jantjie as they made speeches at FNB Stadium in Soweto, Johannes-



preps for funeral

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"Everything is in order there, and we are ready to warmly welcome our quests."

Nomakhosazana Meth, municipality mayor

become a no-fly zone, reserved for around 100 private jets transporting dignitaries. "The military will be in control," announced municipality mayor Nomakhosazana Meth. "Everything is in order there, and we are ready to warmly welcome our guests."

Many world leaders and celebrities are expected to attend, including Charles, Prince of Wales, and Oprah Winfrey. More than 1,500 members of the media have been accredited. But residents of the village have claimed they are being prevented from attending the funeral because of the visitors.

On Saturday, a military aircraft will take Mandela's remains from Pretoria 900 kilometres away to the Eastern Cape. The funeral begins at 9 a.m. local time on Sunday. The ex-president will receive a Christian burial, but also the Xhosa rituals of his community with an address to his spirit.

he hallucinated

burg's famed black township. The ceremony honoured Mandela, the anti-apartheid icon and former president who died on Dec. 5.

A South African deputy Cabinet minister, Hendrietta Bogopane-Zulu, later held a news conference to announce that "a mistake happened" in the hiring of Jantjie.

A medical expert with University College London cautioned that Jantjie's unusual sign lan-

guage didn't look like it was caused by schizophrenia or another psychosis.

"The disruption of sign language in people with schizophrenia takes many forms but this does not look like anything I have seen in signers with psychosis," said Jo Atkinson, who is a clinical psychologist and researcher at the Center for Deafness, Cognition and Language.

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France

Caretaker charged in poisoning deaths

A caretaker at a French retirement home was charged in the poisoning deaths of six patients, accused Thursday of slipping the elderly residents a psychotropic cocktail over the course of two months.

Three other victims were sickened but survived, said Dietlind Baudoin, assistant prosecutor of Chambery in France's mountainous east, where the 30-year-old suspect had worked in the home since 2012.

"She wanted to relieve their suffering, without specifying exactly what she meant by relieve," said Baudoin, who described the victims as healthy considering their ages and afflictions. "She seemed quite affected by what she had done."

Baudoin didn't identify the drugs used in the cocktail. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS 20 dead

Bubonic plague outbreak suspected in Madagascar

Local authorities in Madagascar say 20 people have died since last week because of what they suspect to be an outbreak of bubonic plague.

Police in the northwestern district of Mandritsara said Wednesday the deceased could not be treated in time. They say more than 20 others suspected of being infected are currently receiving treatment.

Madagascar's Health Ministry says the outbreak is not yet confirmed pending analyses of samples by the country's Pasteur Institute research facility.

The health research institute could not immediately be reached.

The plague killed millions in Europe in the Middle Ages.
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Anti-government protests continue in Thai

A protester uses a pair of wire cutters to snap and remove barbed wire erected by Thai police over the fence of the prime minister's office in Bangkok on Thursday. Protesters waging a surreal political fight to oust Thailand's elected prime minister are trying to establish what amounts to a parallel government — one complete with "security volunteers" to replace the police, a foreign policy of their own and a central committee that has already begun issuing audacious orders. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Blinded Chinese boy receives prosthetic eyes

Recovery. 6-year-old boy whose eyes were gouged was successfully fitted with prosthetics that look and move like normal eyes, but don't restore vision

Guo Bin - nicknamed Binbin - danced to music at a send-off ceremony at the C-MER Dennis Lam Eye Hospital in the southern Chinese city of Shenzhen, where he expressed gratitude and happiness more than three months after a brutal attack left him

The prosthetic eyes look and move much like normal eyes, but they do not restore vision. Doctors plan to fit Binbin with navigation sensors next summer that would allow him to



get around on his own in familiar places.

Police in the boy's hometown in northern China's Shanxi province say they suspect his aunt was the culprit in the attack, although they have not identified a motive. The woman has since committed suicide, and Binbin's parents have raised doubts.

On Thursday, the boy's mother said Binbin can put on

his clothes, brush his teeth and climb stairs by himself, according to reports in Hong Kong

"He has adapted well and is smart," his mother, Wang Wenli, said before thanking the medical staff.

The attack on the boy horrified the Chinese public and added to outrage over violence against children. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Doritos execs dust off, offer up more wacky eats

Next from the PepsiCo food innovation lab ...

On the heels of Doritos Locos Tacos prepare for chip-topped wings and Mountain Dew sauces

Dorito dust may be the new salt for more restaurant chains.

PepsiCo Inc., which owns Cheetos, Fritos, Tostitos and other snacks, found success last year after teaming up with Taco Bell to create Dorito-flavoured taco shells. And it has since been dreaming up other restaurant dishes featuring its popular snacks.

The company announced Thursday that it struck a deal to serve its drinks at Buffalo Wild Wings. PepsiCo also said it would work with the sportscentric chain to create "unique menu offerings.

Buffalo Wild Wings CEO Sally Smith said she visited PepsiCo's food innovation lab in New York and was shown several dishes the chain might put on its menu. Ideas included Doritos as a crunchy topping for wings or tenders, or even just offering potato chips as a side dish. Smith said she was shown salad dressings and sandwich and chicken wing sauces that incorporate PepsiCo's sodas, in-



If PepsiCo has its way you'll be licking more of that red, sticky dust from your fingers as it builds on the success of Doritos Locos Tacos. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS/TACO BELL

cluding Mountain Dew.

"I don't think it will be in the next 12 months, but we'll possibly start testing after a year or 18 months," she said, noting that considerable planning would be needed to bring the offerings to the company's more than 975 U.S. locations.

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So crazy, it worked

Over at Taco Bell, Doritos Locos Tacos continue to be a considerable sales driver.

Taco Bell CEO Greg Creed has noted that a major

advantage of the tacos is that competitors can't replicate them — their success is largely tied to the popularity of the Doritos brand.

TimmyMe app

Two years after Starbucks, Tim's tries tap-and-pay

A limited number of Tim Hortons stores are now letting you pay for a doubledouble with your smartphone.

Participating outlets in Canada and the U.S. will allow users with some Black-Berry 10 devices, iPhones and Google Android smartphones to pay with a TimmyMe app.

The BlackBerry app uses near field communication technology and works similarly to the tap-to-pay method used with some debit and credit cards. The apps for Apple devices running iOS 6.0 or later and Android devices running version 4.0 or later use barcode scanning technology.

So far, there are 11 municipalities in Ontario's Niagara region that have stores setup for these payments.

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Licence to sue

Beastie Boys aim to set it straight, countersue toy co.

The Beastie Boys are firing back after a toy company sued them over a video parody of their song Girls.

The two surviving members of the rap trio filed a lawsuit of their own Tuesday in Oakland federal court claiming toy company GoldieBlox unfairly used the popular song as a jingle to sell its products.

GoldieBlox filed the first lawsuit last month seeking a court order allowing it to use the online video parody.

The video shows young girls singing about engineering. The company said it filed the lawsuit after the band threatened it with litigation over the parody. The video has since been removed from

GoldieBlox claims the parody wasn't used to sell its product. The associated press



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Queen not amused by nut-eating cops

Drove her a bit nutty. Her Royal Majesty was allegedly miffed palace police were eating nuts meant for quests

A private investigator convicted of eavesdropping on the voice mails of royal staff told a tabloid editor

that Queen Elizabeth II was annoyed because police officers ate the nuts laid out for Buckingham Palace guests.

The tidbit was passed on by Clive Goodman to Andy Coulson, then editor of the now-defunct News of the World

Goodman's 2005 email notes: "memo (has) now gone around to all palace cops telling them to keep

Stern note

"Memo (has) now gone around to all palace cops telling them to keep their sticky fingers out."

Clive Goodman's 2005 email

their sticky fingers out."

evidence at the phone-hacking trial of Coulson, former editor Rebekah Brooks and five others. All deny guilt.

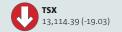
An eighth defendant, Ian Edmondson, was dropped from the trial Thursday because doctors have declared him unfit to stand trial. Judge John Saunders said Edmondon would be tried once he has recovered.



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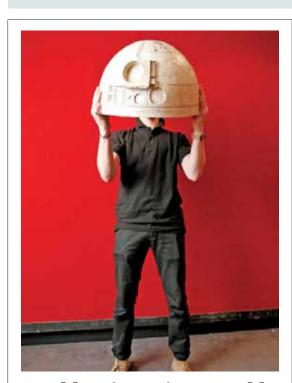




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One bleeping pricey mould

Auction-house worker Ollie Williams holds a plaster study mould of the head of Star Wars character R2-D2 as he poses for photographers in London, Thursday. The mould, which was used for 1977's Star Wars: A New Hope, could fetch between \$9,800 and \$13,000 US. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS





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Filter who sees your latest selfie on Instagram

Instagram Direct.

The photo-sharing app is following in footsteps of other messaging apps, such as Snapchat

Instagram has added a new feature that lets users share photos and videos with up to 15 people rather than everyone who follows them on the popular Facebook-owned photo-sharing app.

Called Instagram Direct, the feature is available for Apple and Android phones, CEO Kevin Systrom said at a news event in New York City. Users can choose up to 15 people who follow them on Instagram to share photos or videos.

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Asian cockroaches. A new species has been discovered in the Big Apple. Recently identified by scientists as Periplaneta japonica, a genus native to Japan, the insect is known in China and Korea for its ability to survive in cold climates. New Yorkers remain unfazed by news of another living creature trying to survive and breed in their city.

Grounded. Last Friday, Tom Wagner fell asleep on a flight to Houston. He was overlooked by staff and awoke to find himself trapped in the dark aircraft. He called his girlfriend and she notified the airline, who eventually rescued him. Counter-terrorism agencies expressed concern over

the news but airport security assured them that Wagner had nothing in his shoes and did not have a bottle of

Mama knows. Mothers' favourite gift this year is the FiLIP smartwatch. A colourful wristwatch doubling as a phone with voice and GPS so parents can keep track of

their kids at all times. American women are currently lobbying for this same technology to be used in wedding rings.

Everything I (Think I) Am. Kanye West is the world's greatest artist. Just ask him. He appeared at his Texas concert wearing a mask and someone shouted, Take it off." After having security eject the paid-ticket holder, Kanye cleared up any possibility of mistaken identity by declaring his full name. "I'm Kanye-mothafin-West!" he said. And no one's arguing that.

Grass is greener. Hashtag "cannabis" has been trending on Twitter, and not just because weed-smokers repeatedly

tweeted while forgetting they had. Ganja is making news because public appeal for legalization is growing, while staunch opposers recycle archaic myths of reefer madness as they guzzle their spirit of choice. "It's a gateway drug," they say. Yes, the gateway to procrastination and poor gastronomical decisions. And last I checked, neither

Heading south. U.S. private-equity firm Bain Capital has managed to overtake one of our country's great national treasures: Canada Goose. Current president Dani Reiss says that the corporation intends to maintain the high standards for outerwear that his family worked hard to create, and that they will continue to be made in Canada. Oh good, so we still won't be able to afford them.

Hallelujah. Time magazine's Person of the Year goes to Pope Francis! The people's pontiff was chosen for refocusing the church away from condemnation and back to basics like mercy, compassion and maybe even smoking weed.

This week in music. On Dec. 12, 1957, rock 'n' roll icon Jerry Lee Lewis, who was still married to his first wife, secretly wed his 13-year-old second cousin Myra Gale Brown. This "degenerate trifecta" raised interesting public debate about which was more disturbing: the bigamy, the incest or the statutory rape.

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The festive season is in full swing, which means there is an overwhelming amount of holiday indulgence and selfie-snapping. Here are some apps that can help you look flawless, albeit not so natural, in photos.

Facetune:

For \$2.99, this photo-editing app for iPhone and iPad is the perfect tool to help you achieve a professional-looking, polished photo. Options include a function to smooth the appearance of wrinkles. Smooth not enough? There's a "smoother" option, too.

Pixtr:

Use this free app to instantly perfect your photos. Pixtr can automatically correct face symmetry and ren

blemishes and wrinkles. It can work with solo images, as well as group shots, personalizing results for each subject.

Beauty Camera:

This free photo-editing app for Android is designed to make you look beautiful. Say there's no good light in the room for a photo - no worries! Beauty Camera can instantly change the lighting and tonal details in the photo. You can also compare the effects with the original photo.

@metropicks asked: A Vancouver bus driver isn't allowed to wear a Santa suit because it's against uniform policy. Should he be allowed?

@EthanDR: "He might not be identifiable as the transit operator" ... umm he's the one driving the bus #IDENTI-

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ZOOM

Burglary – it's monkey business



Baboons raid apartment for food

These baboons show they really are cheeky monkeys by breaking into an apartment, stealing food and parading their loot, including a giant teddy bear. Around 10 chacma baboons clambered into the third-floor flat in Cape Town, South Africa, and wreaked havoc, after one of their accomplices managed to get the window open. METRO



"I am quite used to working with monkeys but I

was amazed. When they came out with a giant teddy bear. I was even more astonished."

Cyril Ruoso, wildlife photographer, 43, from France

Loss of habitat leads to urban raid

Due to loss of natural habitat, baboons on the Cape Peninsula are adapting to human environment, entering urban areas in search of food.

"The intimidation that the big males employ has become physical and my young son no longer feels safe in the house," says Pierrer de Villiers, who lives in the town of Scarborough on the peninsula. **METRO**



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Reel Guys

RICHARD CROUSE AND MARK BRESLIN





This Hobbit is hobbling

The Desolation of Smaug. J.R.R. Tolkien fans will surely geek out on the latest installment but one of the Reel Guys couldn't care less about the film

Richard: Mark, despite the sense of mild confusion I felt as I tried to piece the story together, I really enjoyed The Hobbit: The Desolation of Smaug. It took a lot of backstory to get to the fifth film based on Middle-earth and its inhabitants and it will help if you know your Shire from your Sauron or your Skin Changers.

But having said that, Peter Jackson has crafted a great action adventure with the same consistency of tone, style and spirit that runs through the LOTR and Hobbit movies. They feel like story shards chipped off the same block.

Mark: Richard, there are two kinds of people in this world — those who admire and enjoy the work of J.R.R. Tolkien, and those who are repelled by his neo-medieval, Druidic nonsense.

You can guess which camp I fall into. I sat through the Rings trilogy under great duress, and skipped the first Hobit entirely. So the only question was how much I would loathe this picture. The good news is: not that much. True, the entire movie and everyone in it needs a haircut, but the set pieces worked, especially the barrel escape down the river and the entire dragon sequence. But the movie

felt so long I could have flown to Tokyo for dinner and gotten back in time for the end credits.

RC: I think fans will find the length just about right... nonfans, maybe not so much. This one worked for me. There's a Richard Attenborough old school epicness about it. It is about good and evil without troubling nuance or antiheroes.

Perhaps because Englishman Tolkien penned these action adventure stories during the Second World War when evil was clear-cut, his books are ripe with allegory but straightforward in their approach to morality and good

MB: A good point, but maybe it's precisely that serious, hectoring tone that always

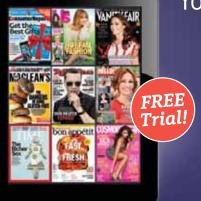
turned me off. Evangeline Lilly, on the other hand, did not turn me off — quite the opposite.

She really holds the screen even if her ears need cosmetic surgery. But the ending — a cliffhanging cheat, if you ask me — elicited a collective groan from the audience and made the experience feel incomplete. Did you like the dark look of the picture?

RC: I did like the look. It's darker in tone than the Hobbit books for sure, but I thought it suited Peter Jackson's take on the story. I also liked the Walking Dead style battle scenes —lots of arrows in heads

MB: I kept hoping for someone to show up with a gun and put them all out of my misery.

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Lots of talent, but little gold to go around

Golden Globes noms.

It's a crowded field and the Hollywood Foreign Press doesn't seem to know what funny is



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Metro World News in Hollywood

Awards season is officially here, thanks to the announcements of the Golden Globe nominations, and the best word to describe this year's crop is crowded. So crowded, in fact, that some heavy hitters have been almost left out.

Steve McQueen's 12 Years a Slave is still considered the lead favourite, with nominations for the film itself, director Mc-Queen, stars Chiwetel Ejiofor, Michael Fassbender and Lupita Nyong'o, screenwriter John Ridley and composer Hans Zimmer.

But with such a crowded year it's easy for votes to get split. At least McQueen doesn't have to worry about David O. Russell's nomination-heavy



American Hustle until the Oscars, as the Hollywood Foreign Press (HFPA) have placed it in the musical or comedy category (see sidebar).

Though it earned several nominations earlier in the week from the Screen Actors Guild, Lee Daniels' the Butler didn't garner a mention —

not even for Oprah Winfrey, despite the HFPA's starstruck reputation. And while Martin Scorsese's Wolf of Wall Street nabbed nominations for the film and star Leonardo Di-Caprio, it didn't make the cut in any other major category. Sorry, Scorsese.

Ejiofor, Idris Elba and Julia

Louis-Dreyfus will be pulling double duty come the night of the awards, with nominations in both the film and television categories. And ceremony cohost Amy Poehler might have to take a break to make an acceptance speech, as she's up for her work on Parks and Recreation.

But what's most noteworthy about the television nominations is what and who didn't get nominated. The HFPA obviously didn't respond to the most recent season of Mad Men, as the series didn't score a single nod. Neither did HBO's Game of Thrones or Showtime's

That's not funny!

The HFPA is earning more than the usual amount of criticism this year for its musical or comedy film categories not really honouring musicals or comedy. Some of the films filling the top category - best picture musical or comedy (American Hustle, Her, Inside Llewyn Davis, Nebraska and The Wolf of Wall Street) shouldn't really be considered comedies, critics are arguing. Producers have been criticized in the past for positioning serious fare in the comedy category to increase a film's chances.

Homeland. And while Downton Abbey earned a nomination for the series itself, none of the cast — not even Maggie Smith — warranted a mention.

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- Best Director. Alfonso Cuaron - Gravity; Paul Greengrass - Captain Phillips; Steve McQueen - 12 Years a Slave; Alexander Payne - Nebraska; David O. Russell - American Hustle
- **Best Actor Motion Picture** Drama. Chiwetel Ejiofor 12 Years a Slave; Idris Elba - Mandela: Long Walk to Freedom; Tom Hanks - Captain Phillips; Matthew Mc-Conaughey - Dallas Buyers Club; Robert Redford - All
- **Best Actor Motion Picture** Musical or Comedy. Christian Bale - American Hustle; Bruce Dern - Nebraska; Leonardo DiCaprio, - the Wolf of Wall Street; Oscar Isaac - Inside Llewyn Davis: Joaquin Phoenix - Her



Best Actress Motion Picture Drama. Cate Blanchett Blue Jasmine; Sandra Bullock - Gravity; Judi Dench - Philomena; Emma Thompson - Saving Mr. Banks; Kate Winslet - Labor Dav

- **Best Actress Motion Pic**ture Musical or Comedy. Amy Adams - American Hustle; Julie Delpy - Before Midnight; Greta Gerwig -Frances Ha; Julia Louis-Dreyfus - Enough Said; Meryl Streep - August: Osage County
- Best Drama Series. Breaking Bad; Downtown Abbey; the Good Wife; House of Cards; Masters of Sex
- Best Comedy Series. The Big Bang Theory; Brooklyn Nine-Nine: Girls: Modern Family; Parks and Recrea-

tion

- Best Actor in a TV Drama Series. Bryan Cranston - Breaking Bad; Lieve Schreiber - Ray Donovan; Michael Sheen - Masters of Sex: Kevin Spacev - House of Cards; James Spader -The Blacklist
- Best Actress in a TV Drama Series. Julianna Margulies the Good Wife; Tatiana Maslany - Orphan Black; Taylor Schilling - Orange is the New Black; Kerry Washington - Scandal; Robin Wright - House of Cards
- Best Actress in a TV Comedy Series. Zooey Deschanel - New Girl; Lena Dunham - Girls; Edie Falco - Nurse Jackie; Julia Louis-Dreyfus - Veep; Amy Poehler - Parks and Recrea-
- Best Actor in a TV Comedy Series. Jason Bateman Arrested Development; Don Cheadle - House of Lies; Michael J. Fox - The Michael J. Fox Show; Jim Parsons - The Big Bang Theory



Nebraska

Director. Alexander Payne

Stars. Bruce Dern, Will Forte

There's erasable and then there's Woody Grant (Bruce Dern), a cantankerous man who thinks a "You may already be a winner" letter is a ticket to a million dollar fortune. After several failed attempts to walk to Lincoln, Neb., to claim his prize Woody's son David (Will Forte) offers to drive him. He knows the ticket is worthless but understands it's the thing that gives Woody something to live for. Director Alexander Payne keeps things nimble and very funny in places in this beautiful black-andwhite film.

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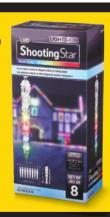
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Anchorman 2.

Will Ferrell swore he'd never make a sequel ... OK maybe just one

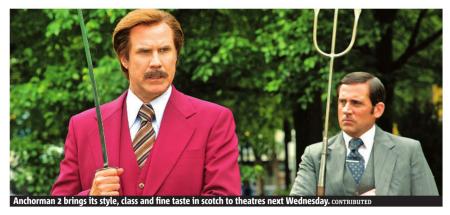
LIZ BROWN

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There's a stack of magazines sitting on the coffee table of Will Ferrell's suite at Toronto's Carlton-Ritz and as we settle down to chat in the plush chairs, the glossy one on top grabs his attention. He picks it up and flourishes his hand across its cover — a picture of a panda munching on a bamboo shoot.

"How apropos that there's a panda on the cover of this magazine, which was the big story in the first Anchorman. The panda story," he reminisces. "It's too bad they're almost extinct now. But let's not talk about that."

Indeed. Time is of the essence and Ferrell's got a few more upbeat things to wax about — like Anchorman 2 and his whirlwind promotion tour.



Prior to touching down in Toronto earlier this month, he'd pulled a few Ron Burgundy stunts — co-anchoring a local newscast in Bismarck, N.D., and co-hosting the Roar of the Rings curling tournament in Winnipeg. But it's all a labour of love for Ferrell, who together with his co-writer Adam Mc-Kay, once swore they'd never do sequels - a claim with an asterisk for one special movie. "We would always have this sidebar conversation where it was 'well, if we ever were to do

a sequel one day, it would probably be Anchorman," he says.

The original Anchorman reached almost cult-like status when it came out on DVD nearly 10 years ago. For a time, its jokes were fodder for every armchair comic. "People just started falling in love with this movie on a different level after repeat viewings," says Ferrell.

In Anchorman 2, Ron Burgundy and his reunited crew (Paul Rudd, Steve Carell, David Koechner) face a new decade – the '80s – with new challenges:

a 24-hour cable news channel and – gasp — a female African American boss. In terms of joke density, Anchorman 2 packs in as many as the first and even more cameos. Kanye West, Will Smith, Amy Poehler, Tina Fey, Liam Neeson and Harrison Ford are just a fraction of the big names in the film.

"That's the love people have for Anchorman. We kept hearing from people and had them reaching out to us."

Ferrell says they even set their sights on Brad Pitt, who

Quote

"Just being back in our outfits, everyone felt really sentimental."

Will Ferrell on the crew reprising their newscasting roles in Anchorman 2

he wanted to play Ron Burgundy's pretty boy nemesis — anchor Jack Lime — but when Pitt declined, Ferrell and McKay brought in James Marsden. "We just did an informal read-through of the script to see how jokes were playing and Marsden read that part and we were like 'he's the guy,'" he says.

Ferrell adds the filmmaking

Ferrell adds the filmmaking felt more like a reunion party. "Just being back in our outfits, everyone felt really sentimental and it was like, 'wow, we're actually going to do this again."

"It's cliché sounding but I don't know if I've worked more closely with any cast, the way we get along and how we have this shared sense of letting each other be funny all at the same time and there's no real competition. That's rare."

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Scotchy, scotch scotch



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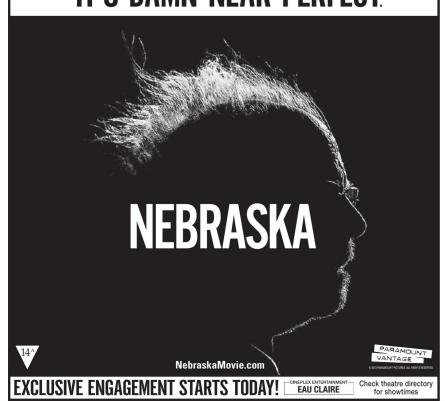
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Saving Mr. Banks.

Actress puts an interesting twist on a character that could have fallen to stereotype



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Just before our chat with Saving Mr. Banks star Emma Thompson, the British actress had wowed a press conference audience with a rather athletic entrance, vaulting herself over the dais — legs lifting high over the table — to get to her seat. The display was a far cry from P.L. Travers, her terse on-screen alter ego in Banks. But then there's a lot Thompson and Travers don't have in common.

I wanted to commend you on a fantastic entrance to the press conference.

Essentially what you have to understand is that spiritually I always carry a bladder on a stick and wear a cap and bells. I must, I think, in a past life been some sort of court jester. Because I seem to make it my aim in life to get a laugh. Any way you can.

I found it a bit distracting in this film that you're far too young for the part.

Well, I'm not far too young. I'm 54 and she was 66 at the time. I also think I look very old — suitably and properly old. Travers herself liked to divide a woman's life into three main parts: nymph, mother and crone. So I said, "Why don't we just play her on that cusp between mother and crone?" There's still a kind of



Emma Thompson plays the curmudgeonly P.L. Travers in Saving Mr. Banks, which opens next Friday. CONTRIBUTED

Eros, an erotic possibility for her, but you can see that it's never going to happen because she's too closed up. I think that's more interesting because you can see the possibility there, and you're not playing a crotchety old lady — who is rather more easy, because of the way that our world works, to dismiss.

What are your thoughts on that simplified trio of life stages?

I kind of like it. I think it's interesting, you know, with the seven ages of man being another format, if you like, for thinking about the stages of our lives. And I personally think everything is always happening at once, if you see what I mean. I think that we carry it with us all the time, so you don't necessarily leave anything behind. It's all coming with you.

You've mentioned a problem with trying to find heroic historical female characters to look to. How do we fix that?

There are many things you can do. There's two questions: What is heroism? Is it action? Does it have to be actionbased? As I started to (work) in cinema I realized that I would identify with Marlon Brando because he was the one getting to do things and that women seemed to be the ones saying, "No, don't do that brave thing, stay here with me," I started to get very frustrated with that. And I remain frustrated with that because it's still a very common trope. I turned down role after role after role in my 30s which were the wife going, "No please! Why don't you think of us? Think of the children!" That sort of milksop, marshmallow-y stuff that wasn't even allowed to be inhabited in any real way. But the problem with female heroism is not one that's very easy to answer because if the actions are going to be the same as the male hero, then what do you do? You stick a gun in their hands. What's the point of that? It's the same old, same old. It's a real conundrum.



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Lesser-known Lennon film contains eerie premonition

How I Won the War.

The 1967 satirical movie, by the director of Help! and A Hard Day's Night, is rife with absurdism and gags — but a line in the final battle scene is what's most memorable

MATT PRIGGE

Metro World News in New York City

On Dec. 8, 1980, John Lennon was gunned down by deranged fan Mark David Chapman. Lennon, like the Beatles, has been examined every which way, even idolized in a manner that can sand over his rougher edges.

Still, some of his output gets ignored, including much of his solo work; his by-many-

Chilling scene

The final battle in How I Won the War features a moment even more chilling than its makers could have imagined. Lennon's character is fatally wounded. He drops to the ground and, still alive and lucid, stares into the camera and says: "I knew this would happen. You knew it would happen, didn't you?"

accounts unlistenable art records with Yoko Ono; the couple's avant-garde films; and his books, packed silly with aggressive wordplay.

And then there's his acting. We don't mean A Hard Day's Night and Help! (Both are classics, although there's an argument to be made that Help! is even better. It's goofier and its absurd sense of humour, while owing more to

director Richard Lester and writer Charles Wood than the Beatles, anticipates the likes of Monty Python.) We mean the only film in which he didn't play himself (or "himself").

That would be How I Won the War, made in 1967. A dense, kaleidoscopic and bracing satire, it was once again made by the team of Lester and Wood. Lester was a poppy stylist who married fast-paced imagery — he was called "the grandfather of the music video," which prompted him to half-jokingly ask for a blood test - to a bemused and skeptical world view. Wood was, like Lennon, an incorrigible wordsmith. Despite dominating its advertisements, Lennon is only a supporting player in How I Won the War. The lead is played by Michael Crawford, the future Phantom of the Opera, who at that point was a go-to bumbling, stammering, pratfalling manchild. The film was based on a satirical novel by Patrick Ryan, but Lester and Wood went fur-



ther into absurdism. Here, Crawford's obliviously proper lieutenant takes his troops, who all hate him, to North Africa on a mission to set up a cricket pitch.

The plot is beyond loose, there to buttress a frankly exhausting stream of gags and Brechtian devices. Actors, among them Iennon's Gripweed, address the camera. The antics of the token clownish soldier (Jack MacGowran) — who, as it's gradually revealed, is actually totally insane — sometimes get fitted with a laugh track, decades before Oliver Stone did the same thing in Natural Born Killers.

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Disillusioned by the savagery of the Roman Empire, a patriotic Centurion is guided to re-write history through excessively brutal fights where legs and arms are lopped off in gratuitous slow-motion. If the game designers are aware of the irony, they don't let on. From the wisps and night fires of the English woods to the blood-thirsty crowds of the Coliseum, they sure know how to deliver a sense of atmosphere and spectacle. Even silly voice commands and repetitive button-mashing can't take away its feel. KRIS ABEL





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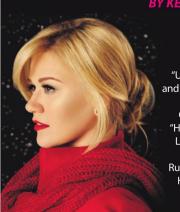
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Pink honoured as Billboard's woman of year

Interview. A top tour, MTV awards and millions of units sold has the pop act flying high as the accolades keep rolling in

While she's excited her ballad Just Give Me a Reason is nominated for the song of

comedy

the year Grammy, Pink says she believes her husband deserves some credit for its success.

The track, which topped the Billboard Hot 100 chart for three weeks, is about holding on to a troubled relationship.

"It means everything because it's a conversation between lovers fighting the good fight and that's been our life," Pink said in an interview Tuesday, standing next to her motorcycle racer husband, Carey Hart. "Our family is everything to us."

The 34-year-old often details their rocky relationship in her music.

"At the end of the day I crawl onto his lap and complain, so if someone wants to award me for that, they should give him the award."

she said.

Pink was in great spirits Tuesday in New York City, where Billboard named the pop star its woman of the year.

"It's been a long road," she said. "It's been a roller coaster and I'm on board for the rises and the falls of it all."

Pink's successful year includes a top-grossing international tour and awards, an MTV Video Music Award among them. The Truth About Love, her sixth album released last year, has sold 1.8 million units.

Just Give Me a Reason, which has sold 4 million tracks and features Nate Ruess of fun., is also nominated for best pop duo or group performance at the Jan. 26 Grammy Awards.

Pink, who has won four Grammys, said being up for the coveted song of the year is unreal.

"That's a new thing for me," she said. "It's a pinch-me moment. I'm afraid to cross the street."

Her hit will battle anthems from Katy Perry, Bruno Mars, Lorde and Macklemore & Ryan Lewis.

But at the Billboard event, camaraderie was key: Pink congratulated R&B singer Janelle Monae, who was honoured as music's rising star, while sister duo Tegan and Sara and Scottish band Family life

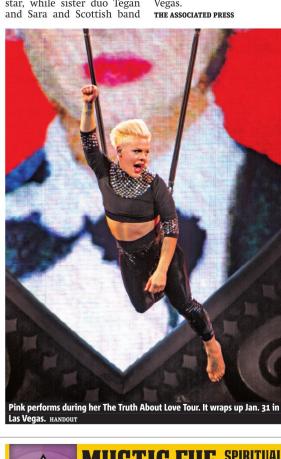
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Pink

Talking about the support she receives from her husband Carey Hart

Chvrches performed. Debbie Harry, Kimberly Perry of the Band Perry, Andy Cohen, Matt Lauer and Melanie Fiona attended the event.

Pink's The Truth About Love Tour wraps Jan. 31 in Las Vegas.







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Here are three more examples of stuff you'll never, ever hear played over the airwaves



I'm Not a Young Man Anymore -The Velvet **Underground**

It was only performed live once and never turned up on any bootlegs. From the 45th anniversary reissue of White Light/White Heat. One needs to hear it to believe it.



Sweet Child O Mine – Some three year-old

You'll be blown away by this kid playing along to Gun N' Roses. To be that coordinated and musical at age three is almost alien.



Krampus Carol Craterface

Given that the song is based on a mythical Satan-like creature who punished naughty children at Christmastime, this isn't your grandma's Christmas

Did anyone order Kevin a plain cheese?

Home Alone star.

Macaulay Culkin forms Velvet Underground cover band, names it Pizza Underground, sings about the 'za

Whenever you see that Macaulay Culkin is trending on a search engine or your social media feed, it's a little scary.

What with gossip columnists constantly quoting sources who are apparently close to the Home Alone star, saying that he's got a massive drug problem and is going to die any day now. Though, we should point out that what we're about to report doesn't really dispel any notion of a massive drug problem, but at least he appears to be using these drugs productively: to form a Velvet Underground cover band and sing about



His latest project, which is so awesomely absurd that we'd love it even if it didn't involve him, is called the Pizza Underground, and they dress like the Velvet Underground, and they play songs that sound a lot like existent

Some of our favorite lyrics

- Lyric #1. 'Here she comes, you'd better hide your slice'
- Lyric #2. 'Jack, he eats the cheese, Jane, she eats the zone'

Velvet Underground songs (as well as Lou Reed songs and a Nico song thrown in for good measure), but with all of the words changed so that the songs are all about pizza.

Pizza is sung to the chorus melody of Sweet Jane, Papa John Says is sung to the tune of Stephanie Says and I'm Beginning to Eat the Slice, is (pretty awesomely, obviously) sung to the tune of I'm Beginning to See the Light.

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Handmade holiday cheer

Popular daytime TV hosts Steven Sabados and Chris Hyndman are getting into the holiday spirit and are ready to help add glitz and glamour to your holidays with these clever tips. For more holiday season DIY decor ideas, watch Steven & Chris weekdays at 2 p.m. on CBC.

ALL PHOTOS AND TEXT PROVIDED BY STEVEN AND CHRIS





Holiday party invites

Nothing will set the tone for your holiday bash better than a spectacular and creative party invitation. These fun and interactive ornament invites are a playful way for your guests to get all the details they will need for your next holiday party.

- Card stock paper
- Colourful paper
- A printer/computer
- Clear ornaments (found at local craft store)
- · Utility knife, cutting mat • Pencil
- Ribbon
- Box: card stock, cellophane, glue gun

Method:

- 1. On your computer, make a document of all of your party information. Make sure each sentence is separated.
- 2. Cut the sentences with a utility knife to make strips. Curl the pieces with a pencil. 3. Carefully remove the cap from your glass ornament and fill the ornament with the curls.
- 4. Finish with a ribbon and a gift tag that instructs your party goers to find out the details inside.

DIY deer head

The rustic charm of winter is timeless, yet seemingly effortlessly chic. Here's one rustic holiday look that you can create at home with simple supplies — the kids can help

• Deer head template (all the templates are available at cbc.

• Foam core/cardboard

- ca/stevenandchris)
- Spray glue
- · Vintage wrapping paper/ wallpaper
- Utility Knife

- 1. Download, print and cut out the template on your home
- 2. Once you've cut out the template, trace the image onto foam core or cardboard.
- 3. Carefully cut out each of the pieces using a utility knife.
- 4. Find some great vintage wallpaper or cool wrapping paper. Spray glue the wallpaper/wrapping paper onto the pieces of foam core/cardboard.
- 5. Carefully fit all the pieces together, mount on the wall, and you're done.





DIY snow globes

Spread the holiday cheer at your next dinner party with these place card snow globes.

- Silicone glue
- Small holiday decor items
- Small sisal trees
- Small plastic stars
- Mason jars Acetate paper
- Oil based marker • Glycerin
- Foam
- Utility knife
- Cutting mat
- Glue gun

1. Using the Mason jar, make a template on the foam and cut out small foam pucks.

2. Score the inside of the lid with sandpaper.

3. Glue the Styrofoam pucks to the lid and then glue the small holiday figurines and sisal trees.

4. Cut out a small piece of acetate and write your guests' name on it. Glue the acetate to a plastic star and the star

5. Fill the jar with water and a touch of glycerin. Add glitter. 6. Insert the scene into the jar after it has set. We recommend 24 hours. Screw lid on tight, turn upside down and shake.



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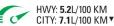


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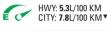
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Funeral services will be held this weekend for Paul Walker, but the cause of the Nov. 30 car crash that claimed the lives of the Fast and Furious star and his friend, Roger Rodas, could remain a mystery for up to 90 days as authorities investigate, according to the Hollywood Reporter. A police spokesman says that any reports at this point about what caused the Porsche Carrera GT Rodas was driving to strike a light pole, two trees and a street sign are purely speculative. A coroner's report has already ruled the

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Barron Hilton beating

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Paris-Lindsay smackdown still has legs

It looks like Lindsay Lohan might not be in the clear just yet for the alleged beating of Barron Hilton in Miami last week, as the hotel heir — and younger brother to Paris Hilton had his lawyer reach out to Miami Beach police to discuss their investigation, according to Radar Online.

"A meeting is being scheduled for Mr. Hilton to give a formal statement about the incident," a police spokesman says. Hilton reportedly wants Lohan's



friend Ray LeMoine charged for the attack, but he'd initially backed off. "He has been made aware that there are incriminating photos that, if released, could tell a very different side of what took place," a source says. While Lohan hasn't currently been implicated in the incident, sources say Hilton believes she ordered LeMoine to beat him up.

Madge splits with (much) younger beau

Madonna has split up with boyfriend Brahim Zaibat after three years of dating, the singer's rep confirms to Us Weekly. "It ran its course," a source says. "They were dancing and working together all the time, and then they barely saw each other." Madonna first started dating the then-25-year-old dancer in 2010 before hiring him on as a backup dancer for her 2012 world tour.





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George and Ruth sat on the drawing room floor, laughing and tipsy, dinner growing cold on the table in the next room. Ruth was cross-legged opposite him, her gray skirt pulled tight across her knees. She picked up the single sheet of thick ivory paper from her lap and reread the invitation from the newly formed Mount Everest Committee again. "My husband, the world-famous explorer." Ruth held up her glass of wine and he reached out with his own, the crystal ringing in the lamplit room. She was fairly bursting with happiness.

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Gift baskets can help teach spirit of giving

Michael Smith wants his children to understand that the Christmas season is about using their time and talent to bring joy to others.

The Canadian chef has been assembling baskets of mainly foodie gifts to give to close family members and friends for about a decade, and putting them together has evolved into an activity that he and his children enjoy together.

"I think the spirit of these baskets is teaching your kids that giving is more important than receiving," he said in a telephone interview from Fortune, P.E.I. "I know that's where the whole idea started for me was years ago, just frustrated with all the stuff flowing one way into the house for the kids and not necessarily feeling like they were engaged with the giving side of things and really trying to figure out a way for them to create a tradition."

Making a basket for someone you care about is personal and perhaps easier in some ways than braving the shops. It can be tailored to the person and your economic situation and need not be expensive.

Smith puts six to eight items in each basket and makes up about 25 of them for close friends and family, then delivers them just before Christmas.

"Anybody can go out and spend 100 bucks and buy some fancy new cookbook or something for your kitchen or some nameless whatever, some anonymous sort of gift — maybe it's special, maybe it's well thought out, but you know what I mean," he said.

"There's nothing more precious than giving your time, than giving your talent."

Smith will be seen as a judge on Chopped Canada, premiering on Food Network Canada Jan. 2, and currently hosts the instructional cooking series Chef Michael's Kitchen. He has also hosted The Inn Chef, Chef at Home, Chef at Large and Chef Abroad, so it's not surprising that his baskets take on a food theme, but he says they can be tailored to the interests of the giver or recipient.

Each basket always con-

Each basket always contains a handmade ornament created by him and his children. Gabe, 11, and Ariella, 5, play an active role, and Smith expects one-year-old Camille will take part in the future.

They often use different coloured clays and bake them into shapes, such as snowmen, wreaths or Christmas trees. Last year it was a small box gift-wrapped with ribbons.

"We know we have friends who can look at their tree

Personal touch

"Keep it simple and really understand that first and foremost you're giving yourself and you're giving your time and it doesn't need to meet that sort of over-the-top standard of Martha Stewart or the pictures you see in the magazines."

Chef Michael Smith

and see six, seven, eight years worth of ornaments that the kids have made for them. It's pretty cool."

"I also like to include what I call the foodie find," says Smith, who led the team of chefs that cooked at the Whistler athletes village during the 2010 Vancouver Olympic Games and helped make the Canada Summer Games athletes village a junk-foodfree zone.

"Over the run of the year I run into a lot of really cool food items and some of them really stick out and are so good that I really feel like sharing them with my friends."

This year he has chosen Cherry Lane concentrated tart cherry juice from Ontario's Niagara region. A personalized dark chocolate bar sprinkled with sea salt and nicknamed The Islander is a nod to Smith's role as food ambassador for P.E.I. will be included.

"And then outside the world of food I like to do a gag gift in there every year, something silly. This year it's actually going to be candy insects. We found earlier this year a company that sells five different cans of canned insect protein, like a can full of crickets sort of thing. Totally edible, totally legit."

For anyone contemplating making up gift baskets, Smith recommends visiting a craft store for inexpensive baskets, fun labels and other decorations.

"Keep it simple and really understand that first and foremost you're giving yourself and you're giving your time and it doesn't need to meet that sort of over-the-top standard of Martha Stewart or the pictures you see in the magazines," he said.

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Go green with your wrapping this season. SYDA PRODUCTIONS/SHUTTERSTOCK

Green for the season. Wrapping with scrap



Feeling eco-minded about your festive gift wrap? No one likes to see all that expensive paper filling up the trash.

So go green this season and try some of these ideas, compiled with the help of Torontobased eco crafts expert Mona Dhanjal, and wrap with scrap.

- Turn an old book into a fancy reusable gift box by carving out the pages with a utility knife. Then line it with felt and glue on some old holiday cards.
- of Glue old photos or postcards to bags, boxes or paper to make unique wrap or gift tags with a personal touch. Trim with fancy edges using pinking shears.
- Paint an old suitcase festive colours, glue on travel stickers or a festive scene cut out of old holiday wrap or cards, and tie on a shipping tag and a big red bow. Fill it with hard-to-wrap gifts. Doubles as perfect storage for holiday ornaments.
- Turn leftover wallpaper into beautiful origami boxes. You can get easy instructions online.
- Bits of felt can be used to make gift tags or little pouches and envelopes.
- Wrap in burlap. It's biodegradable, it looks great and it's reusable.
- Sew or knit a handy reusable

More tips

- Recycle gift tags from year to year.
- Raffia or string looks just as pretty as ribbon.
- Eliminate tape if you are going to recycle paper.

tote bag from bits of cloth with holiday designs, velvet and lace.

- Fill a pretty wicker basket with gift items and dress it up with a bow no need to
- Instead of holiday gift wrap, wrap using other scrap paper such as old magazines, sheet music, maps or calendars.
- Embellish gifts with items found in nature, like berry sprigs, pinecones, or springs of greenery.
- Wire miniature orphaned ornaments and beads together to add luxe to a simple gift tag.
- Crumple, iron and pleat used tissue paper, then layer it on gift boxes or bags.
- Wrap a gift in a holiday scarf or a cloth napkin, which can be used later to line a bread basket on a holiday table.
- Get the kids to decorate white or brown kraft paper with stamps, stickers or holiday themed cut-outs from old gift cards or wrap. Or create artwork to use as wrap.

Pets shouldn't be surprise gifts



If you are thinking about giving a pet to someone this holiday season, it's best if it isn't a surprise. Whether you plan to adopt from a rescue group or shelter or buy from a breeder or pet store, the general guidelines are the same.

"We do adopt out dogs and

cats successfully during our annual Home for the Holidays program, but we don't allow them to be adopted as surprise gifts," said Sandra Flemming, the director of animal care for the Nova Scotia SPCA.

Before an animal can be adopted from the SPCA during the holidays, everyone who lives in the home must confirm that they are on board — it can't even be a

surprise for the kids.

Getting the entire family's consent lowers the chances that the animal will be returned to the shelter because someone is allergic or afraid of it. It also means the adopters will have discussed up front whether they can afford a pet and have the time and energy to take care of it.

For those who know a friend or relative who wants

to adopt an SPCA animal, a gift certificate is ideal.

"It allows the person to choose their own pet when the time is right," Flemming said.

One of the most important things to decide is which type of animal will suit your lifestyle.

"Cats and kittens are less work for busy people than dogs and puppies," Flemming said.



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THE ANATOMY OF AN EMERGENCY

Less than two months ago, super typhoon Haiyan roared towards the eastern islands of the Philippines with winds upwards of 275 kilometres per hour and no one could have imagined the destruction and despair it would leave behind.

With many lives lost, whole villages destroyed, and millions of people left homeless, here is how the relief plan for this large-scale emergency came together, and the important role that UNICEF and UNICEF donors play. UNICEF is the world's leading child-focused humanitarian organization.

THE DAMAGE

"There were cars on top of uprooted trees, concrete buildings smashed down, and whole communities of shanty towns just gone," says Ken Page of UNICEF, who arrived in Tacloban a few days after the typhoon. "Everything was knocked down and flattened, debris was everywhere, it looked like a bomb had gone off.

"You have some communities where you could say, literally, everybody needs everything," says Page, who is strategic communication adviser, emergencies, at UNICEF headquarters in New York. "These people have lost loved ones, their homes, their jobs. There's nothing left."

Many hundreds of families are living at



EFFORTS AT WORK

Thanks to UNICEF's efforts in the Philippines:

- 428,000 people now have access to safe drinking water;
- A mass vaccination campaign is underway, reaching more than 30,000
- 19 child-friendly spaces have been opened across the affected islands;
- 10,000 children have been provided with school and play supplies;
- Nearly 25,000 people have been provided with hygiene equipment and sanitation services.



evacuation points, which are safe structures such as schools, churches, etc.

IMMEDIATE HELP

UNICEF is part of the global response system that focused on emergency life-saving during the first few days. Having been in the Philippines since 1967, UNICEF's prepositioned supplies were critical to a quick response providing sanitation equipment to curb an outbreak of disease. At the same time, the entire UNICEF organization was mobilized and 165 emergency experts were dispatched to the most affected areas including Tacloban, Roxas City and Cebu. UNICEF's massive supply depot and division in Copenhagen also started to air lift in supplies.

CLEAN WATER

Within the first week, UNICEF helped to restore a large water treatment plant that was operating at 20 per cent capacity.

"As soon as it came on, you had 30,000 water points in Tacloban and surrounding communities operating at full capacity again," Page says. "This was important for hygiene and well-being, but you also saw kids playing and splashing at a couple of these water points. That was important, too."

HEALTH

UNICEF is a lead partner in the emergency polio and measles vaccination campaign.

"We are vaccinating 30,000 children under the age of five and providing vitamin A supplements to help boost their immunity against diseases," Page says.

IT'S EASY TO DO SOMETHING GREAT

The recovery process in the Philippines has just started. Here is how donations can help.

- \$1 per day for a year (\$30.42 per month) can buy exercise books for 700 children as well as pencils for a whole
- 75 cents per day for a year (\$22.81 per month) can provide special water kits for 20 families, giving them access to safe drinking water during the rebuilding.
- 50 cents per day for a year (\$15.21 per month) can safeguard 507 children from the devastating effects of

measles and tetanus.

• A \$50 or \$100 Urgent Aid for Philippines Survival Gift will provide lifechanging nutrition, education, protection and relief to the children whose needs are the most critical.

The Government of Canada will continue to match donations from Canadians to UNICEF Canada dollar for dollar, up to \$100,000 per individual, up to Dec. 23. Sign up for a monthly donation before Dec. 23 and that amount will be matched

To make a donation, please visit unicef.ca/haiyan or call 1-877-3111.

NUTRITION

UNICEF has screened about 20,000 children for nutritional deficiencies and there are still many to do, Page says. Any child found to be malnourished is enrolled in supplementary feeding programs.

SANITATION

UNICEF helped get Porta Potties to many of the evacuation centres for hygiene, wellbeing and dignity, Page says.

EDUCATION

With 90 per cent — more than 3,000 of schools damaged or destroyed in the affected areas, UNICEF has helped to provide critical learning spaces for children by setting up tent schools. Returning to school is an important way to help children feel a sense of normalcy after a disaster.

CHILD PROTECTION

UNICEF helped create child-friendly spaces at different evacuation centres and supplied them with education and recreational kits. "These are safe places to be with other children playing and laughing again," Page says.

FUTURE HELP

"It will take years for the Philippines to recover and we really have to help them build back better," Page says.

Contributions over the coming months are critical to UNICEF being able to respond, he says. "And I wouldn't call them donations. They're really making an investment in the children of the Philippines."

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GIFTS OF HOPE: WHEN GIVING IS RECEIVING

Two years ago, Ginger and Scott McClelland decided to see if they could make Christmas a little bit more about giving than receiving. After going through a Gifts of Hope catalogue they had received in the mail, the Ottawa couple chose baby chicks to give to all of their grandchildren.

Gifts of Hope are ethical gifts, which means they give twice — here and abroad. Ginger and Scott felt these gifts were the perfect way to introduce a special kind of holiday giving to their grandchildren. Once the four children, who ranged in age from 10 to 14, had opened the gift card with the picture of a fluffy baby chick on the front, Ginger and Scott explained how the chicks would help support a family in Africa.

"And the kids got very excited very quickly about the gift," Ginger says. "The youngest, Emma, even sent a letter to Santa Claus asking him to make sure the gift got to the family on time."

But the best part of the story was yet to come.

When Christmas came around the following year, the adults in the family agreed that they would exchange Gifts of Hope. However, during the gift exchange the really big surprise was that the four kids had decided that they would exchange Gifts of Hope with each other as well.

"All in all, I think we gave 12 Gifts of Hope, ranging from newborn checkup and a bed net to chicks, a goat, three hens and a rooster," Ginger says. "Our gift to each other was literacy training for two women.

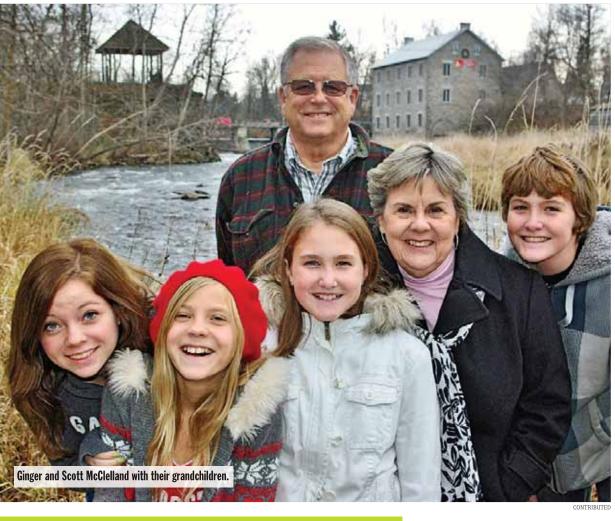
"Sometimes you look at what happens at Christmas and think 'we may be missing the whole point," Scott says.
"But it was a very emotional and special Christmas last year, and I was incredibly proud of my family."

Gifts of Hope provided everyone in the McClelland family a wonderful way to help make someone else's life a little better and to feel good about it.

"Gifts of Hope really are a unique giftgiving opportunity," says Sangita Patel, director of program management at Plan Canada.

"For people who purchase a gift, it's a way to give a socially conscious gift and to avoid crowded malls. For the recipient, the gift is contributing to important work overseas. For the children of the community that receives the gift, it's about changing and improving their lives."

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REAL GIFTS THAT CHANGE REAL LIVES

In all, there are 42 Gifts of Hope to choose from, ranging in price from \$10 to \$50,000. Every gift comes with a free greeting card or e-card, and 26 of the gifts are matched by government, foundation or organizational partners. Here are some examples:

- Bed nets, \$10 (matched for a \$70 value)
- School essentials for one child, \$17 (matched for a \$119 value)
- Birth certificate, \$25 (matched for \$125 value)

- Newborn checkup, \$30 (matched for a \$120 value)
- Clean water for families, \$75 (matched for \$225 value)
- Literacy training for two women, \$120 (matched for \$600 value)
- Farm load of animals, \$190 (matched for a \$760 value)
- Help orphaned children affected by HIV, \$75 (matched for a \$1,200 value)

To see more Gifts of Hope or to place an order, visit plangifts.com or call 1-800-387-1418.

est and largest international development agencies. Founded in 1937, it works in 69 countries and more than 90,000 communities around the world. Gifts of Hope is Plan Canada's increasingly popular year-round ethical giving program, especially popular during the holiday period.

For parents — and grandparents like the McClellands — a Gift of Hope is a

great tool to very gently and in a positive way expose children to what life is like for other children in other places, Patel says.

"They provide such a nice teachable moment for kids amidst the holiday rush."

Gifts of Hope support Plan Canada programs in the areas of education, health, clean water, and livelihoods.

Fifteen of the gifts are also designated as "Because I am a Girl" gifts, which go to support the work Plan does that directly benefits girls and women.

"These gifts help to unleash the power of girls and women to create a brighter, safer future for girls in the developing world," Patel says.

Gifts suit any budget, ranging in price from \$10 for anti-malaria bed nets to \$75 for a goat to \$1,000 for water and sanitation for communities. Sometimes the dollar value of the gift is matched by a government, foundation or corporate partner for even more impact.

"It's a great way to show care for what's happening in other places," Patel says. "And to show children how one gift can make lives better for other kids and families."

One of the McClelland's grandchildren, Ben, 14, says that the Gift of Hope chicks seemed "kind of weird" at first.

"But after I learned more about it, it felt like you could really help other people, and it was nice to be giving something rather than always just getting a lot."





Founded in 1937, Plan is one of the world's oldest and largest charities working to end global poverty. Inclusive of all faiths and cultures, Plan has only one purpose: to improve the lives of children.



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Liquid Assets

Whites that like variety



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As sure as Rudolph was a reindeer, you're going to feel some level of stress over the holidays — possibly when choosing a wine to match with your feast.

Since Charles was a little Dickens, turkey has been the headliner. Unfortunately, the bird never travels alone. It's surrounded by sweet and savoury sides that can throw a curve ball at even the most accommodating wine match.

If you're a white wine fan, think sparkling. A fresh bubbly is the great equalizer, pairing with just about everything (even if you decide on red meat or seafood this Xmas).

The classic turkey-meetsstuffing-meets-cranberry scenario that will play out on most tables is a lover of full-bodied chardonnay. Try one with a touch of oaky goodness from Australia, Chile, Canada or California.

Whites with a hint of residual sugar like savoury and sweet. The balanced, juicy fruit of Moselland's 2012 Ars Vitis Riesling (\$9.95 - \$16.99) is a guaranteed crowd pleaser that looks as good as it tastes.

Next week: My red picks. Prices reflect the range across the country. Some products may not be available in all provinces.

Fancy doesn't have to mean complicated

Spinach-stuffed Chicken Thighs. This dish makes it possible to dazzle guests without much effort

- 1. In skillet over medium heat, wilt spinach until reduced. Let cool until easily handled, then squeeze moisture from spinach. Finely chop. You should have about 1/3 cup. Set aside.
- **2.** Using paring knife, remove skin and bone from 2 chicken thighs. Place them in food processor and pulse until finely chopped. Add ice and process until absorbed. Add sour cream and pulse again until well mixed. Add spinach, 1/2 teaspoon salt, fennel, lemon zest, nutmeg and 1/8 teaspoon black pepper. Pulse, scraping down

Ingredients

- 5 oz baby spinach
- 2 lbs skin-on, bone-in chicken thighs (8 thighs)
- 2 tbsp crushed ice
- 1/3 cup low-fat sour cream
- Kosher salt
- $_{ullet}$ 1/2 tsp fennel seeds, crushed
- 1 tsp grated lemon zest1/8 tsp grated nutmeg
- Ground black pepper
- 1 tbsp extra-virgin olive oil



sides, until mixed. Set aside.

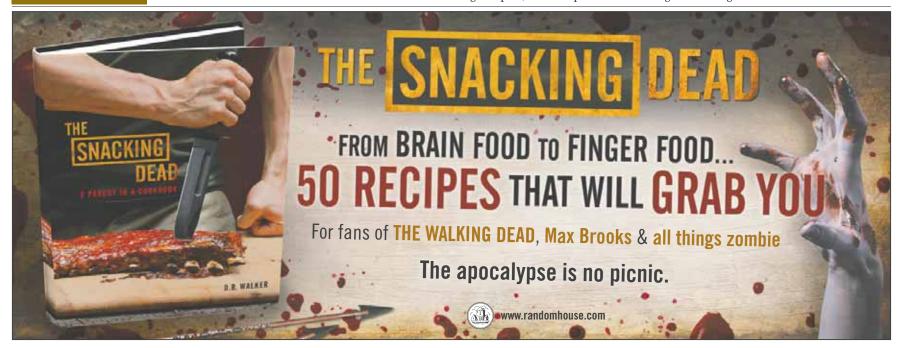
3. Arrange remaining thighs on cutting board, skin side up. Carefully pull back skin, leaving attached on one end. Divide ground chicken and spinach mixture evenly between 6 thighs, spreading it evenly. Stretch skin back over filling on each thigh. Arrange stuffed thighs on plate, cover with plas-

tic wrap and chill for at least 1 hour and up to overnight.

4. When ready to cook, heat the oven to 400 F. In oven-safe skillet over medium-high, heat the oil. Season chicken skin lightly with salt and pepper, then add the chicken to the skillet, skin side down. Cook until skin is golden brown, then use tongs to turn thighs

skin side up. Place skillet in the oven and roast for 25 minutes, or until the thighs reach 160 F.

5. Remove skillet from the oven and cover with foil. Let rest 5 minutes before transferring each thigh to serving plate. Spoon any juices from skillet over the thighs before serving. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS/SARA MOULTON'S EVERYDAY FAMILY DINNERS.



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Lunch and bowl

It can be hard to get back into the groove on Mondays, but here's a little something that will get you through the week. The National on 10th now offers a great lunch special that includes bowling and lunch for \$20 from Monday to Friday. From 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. you can throw a few strikes while enjoying some great pub food. This seems like the perfect way to break up the workday. To make reservations, email: bowling@ntnl.ca.



Five Women Wearing the Same Dress

This is a comical play set around a newlywed couple and their wedding reception in Knoxville, Tenn. During the festivities, the bridesmaids come to realize the five of them seem to have more to talk about with each other than they do with the bride. This play was written by Alan Ball, a respected writer who is well known for his work on True Blood and Six Feet Under. The play runs until the 21st of December at the Epcor Centre. For ticket information, visit: theatrebsmt.ca.



Once Upon A Christmas

Come out to Heritage Park to have a little holiday fun. Take an oldfashioned sleigh ride around the park, sing along to classic Christmas carols, and decorate gingerbread cookies. Don't forget to stop at the Christmas Critters Petting Zoo and take advantage of shopping for some one-of-a-kind crafts. Once Upon A Christmas runs on the weekends from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. until the 22nd of December. Visit: heritagepark.ca.



Lou Reed tribute show

On December 18, Broken City is paying tribute to Lou Reed, the counterculture poet, artist and musician that brought us oddball classics like Walk on the Wild Side. Reed was one of the founding members of the Velvet Underground, named Andy Warhol as a mentor, and will be remembered as one of the most influential people to make music in the last century. Come out to celebrate one heck of a life with Savk, Fist City, The Pygmies, No River, Night Committee and The Soft Options. Visit: brokencity.ca.



Solar Flare

One of the hardest things about winter is the lack of sunlight. This is why artists Caitlind Brown and Wayne Garrett decided to erect their latest public art project in downtown Calgary. The project titled 'Solar Flare' is a sun sculpture that will illuminate the street below in artificial rays of sun. The artists will be speaking about their project on December 19 at the Art Gallery of Calgary (117 8th Avenue SW). The event begins at 6 p.m. Admission is free. 403-770-1350.



The Huron Carol

Tom Jackson's annual Huron Carol stops in Calgary on December 17, featuring George Canyon, One More Girl, Beverley Mahood and Shannon Gaye. Jackson and friends are in town to celebrate the Christmas season, to promote good will, and to help ensure that everyone has a meal this Christmas. Jackson is on an 18-date tour across the country to raise awareness and to help end hunger in Canada. Tickets are \$50 and can be purchased by calling 403-294-9494. The show will begin at 7:30 p.m.







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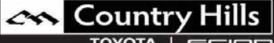
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Junior hockey

Junior team roster still up in the air

Canada's national junior team has its eyes on Calgary rookie Sean Monahan again after the Flames shook up their front office Thursday.

They had already been told Monahan would not be loaned for the Dec. 26-Jan. 3 world junior championship, but that was before Flames president of hockey operations Brian Burke fired general manager Jay Feaster. Scott Salmond, the

junior squad's director of hockey operations, said it won't hurt to ask again if the gifted forward is available, even if it may be a long shot.

"A no is a no whether it comes from Brian Burke or Jay," said Salmond. "Out of respect for Brian we'll go back and ask again. I'm sure Brian was part of the original decision. Whether things change or not will be up to the Calgary Flames, but it's worth a try."

Another question hanging as players arrived a few at a time for a three-day camp in Toronto was the health of Halifax Mooseheads star forward Jonathan Drouin, who suffered a concussion last week.

Drouin said he is feeling better and hopes to be cleared by team doctors to skate in camp. The 25 players in camp have practices Friday and Sunday and an exhibition game Saturday against some university players. The squad will be trimmed to 22 players ahead of the tournament opener in Malmö, Sweden. THE CANADIAN PRESS



Flames front office get shown the door

Burke brings the hurt. The new acting GM wants to see a more aggressive style of hockey

The Calgary Flames shook up their front office Thursday after a disappointing start to the season, firing general manager Jay Feaster and assistant general manager John Weisbrod.

The Flames have just 26 points this season, good for 13th place in the 14-team Western Conference.

Brian Burke, the team's president of hockey operations, will serve as acting general manager. He said the search for Feaster's replacement is underway.

Burke felt the moves needed to be made to get the franchise back on track as it tries

to pursue a championship.
"I wouldn't have come here if that wasn't the ultimate goal," he said. "I have to look at the steps that have been taken and figure out what's the best way for us to get on that path.

"And I reached the conclusion that we needed to make

this change."
Burke, who was hired by the Flames in early September, added that one of the team's priorities is to get tougher and more "truculent."

"We want black-and-blue hockey here, that's what we do in Alberta," Burke said. "We've got to be big and more truculent — I know you're all waiting for the word, there it is. I want a little more hostility out there than what I'm seeing right now."

Burke said it was tough to fire Feaster, whom he called a friend. But he said potentially unpopular decisions come with the job.

"I'm not kissing babies up here," he said. "I'm not running for office. This is about winning hockey games. And I have to take the steps that I think are going to lead us to win the most hockey games we can win."

Calgary took an 11-15-4 record into Thursday night's home game against the Carolina Hurricanes.

Burke said there are no plans to make any changes to the coaching staff this season. THE CANADIAN PRESS















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Head coach of women's national team resigns

Hockey. Dan Church savs there wasn't confidence in him leading the squad to another Olympic gold

Dan Church abruptly stepped down as head coach of the Canadian women's hockey team saying he felt others lacked confidence in his ability to win a gold medal at the Winter Olympics.

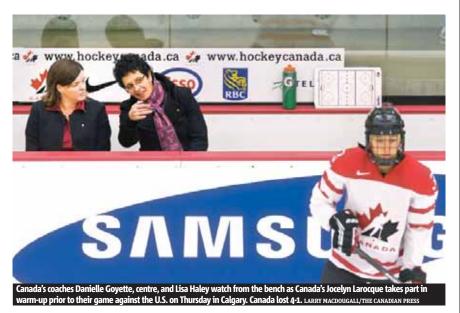
Church resigned from the job Thursday less than two months before the opening ceremonies of the Winter Games in Sochi, Russia.

"If there isn't confidence in what I'm doing, I need to step aside and let the team move on," Church told The Canadian Press in a phone interview. "I'm heartbroken, to be honest, about the whole situation.'

He did not specify whether it was players or Hockey Canada management who questioned his competence.

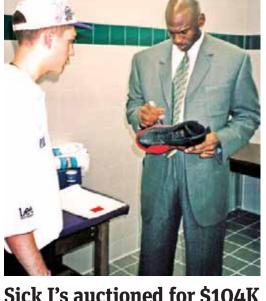
"Just discussions I'd had over the last few days made that apparent, in some meetings I'd had with leadership," Church said. "I think it was just difference of opinion on the direction we were headed.

"In the end, I just decided if I'm getting in the way of where the team needs to go, I need to step aside and let them continue on in the process."









Sick J's auctioned for \$104K

This June 11, 1997, image shows Michael Jordan autographing his shoes from the famous "flu" game of the 1997 NBA Finals for ball boy Preston Truman after the Chicago Bulls played the Utah Jazz in Salt Lake City. Truman sold the Nike Air Jordan XII shoes through an online auction on Thursday for \$104,765. Truman befriended Jordan by fetching him his favourite pre-game snack — applesauce.

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Women's soccer

"This decision came

upon us in the last few

hours and we're going

to react as quickly as

Hockey Canada's COO Scott Smith

The move was a bombshell

as the 21-player Olympic team

was expected to be announced

before the end of December.

The Canadian women will at-

tempt to win a fourth straight

gold medal in Sochi after vic-

tories in 2002, 2006 and 2010.

in the final of this year's world

championship to the U.S.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Canada is coming off a loss

possible."

Sinclair makes Game 200 special

Christine Sinclair celebrated her 200th appearance with Canada's women's soccer team with a goal in a 2-0 win over Scotland at the Torneio Internacional de Futebol Feminino on Thursday.

The goal was the 147th of Sinclair's career, and she could have had two if her penalty shot in the first half wasn't saved.

"The win felt incredible and that was the most important thing to come out of today," said Sinclair. "Not only the victory but the way

our team played, I thought it was the best we've played all year."

Adrianna Leon opened the scoring just eight minutes into the game on a volley off a headed pass from Sophie Schmidt.

Sinclair was robbed of a penalty right before halftime when Scottish goalkeeper Gemma Fay dove to her right to make the save.

"I've missed a few. It happens," said Sinclair. "I think it's my third or fourth miss with the national team. John (Herdman) said, 'You didn't want to score with a penalty anyway, you wanted a real

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There was a mistake in our December 11 & 12, 2013 ads that appeared in the Metro Calgary. The correct number and distribution of prizes in the short form contest rules is as follows:

There is a total of 6586 prizes available to be won with 922 prizes available to be won in Quebec; 3168 in Ontario; 1307 in Alberta; 1189 in Vancouver and 1 prize nationally.

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ATLANTIC DIVISION

L.A. Clippers at Brooklyn

Houston at Portland

Wednesday's results

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WESTERN CONFERENCE

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Bills point finger at unfair scheduling

Against the refreshed.

Buffalo is 2-3 against teams who've had long rests this season

The Bills aren't impressed with the NFL schedule-maker, who is being blamed for providing Buffalo's opponents with too many breaks

— the extended kind. The Bills' slate season has them facing a league-high six teams coming off either bye weeks or nine-day layoffs. That includes the New York Jets twice, as well as Buffalo's opponent on Sunday: Jacksonville (4-9) has been off since Dec. 5.

Coach Doug Marrone called that a disadvantage because "the one thing that helps you the most is rest."

Bills president Russ Brandon has expressed his concerns to the NFL.



certainly have talked to the league about this because it's a little bit disappointing," Brandon said during his weekly radio show on Buffalo's WGR-AM last month.

The Bills couldn't even entirely take advantage of their own bye week on Nov.

They returned the following week to face Atlanta, which was coming off a nine-day rest. And the warm-weather Falcons, who won 34-31 in overtime, also benefited from getting to play indoors in the Bills' annual "home" game in To-ronto, and avoid the wintry conditions in Buffalo.

The Bills (4-9) are 2-3 so far in games against teams that have enjoyed extended rests. And they were 1-3 last year, the first season in which the NFL instituted a rule to have each of its 32 teams play on Thursday.

The overall NFL results, however, have been mixed, failing to entirely support the Bills' claim of the morerested opponent getting an edge. Since the start of 2012, teams facing rested opponents have gone a combined 62-64-2, according to STATS. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Horoscopes

↑ Aries March 21 - April 20

A decision you made a long time ago doesn't seem like a great idea now but you're stuck with it. Make the best of the situation and promise yourself you won't be so hasty in future.

Taurus April 21 - May 21

Expect your workload to increase a lot over the next 24 hours. That may not sound like good news but at least it shows that important people trust you to get the job done.

II Gemini May 22 - June 21

It may seem to others that you never lack confidence but that's not true and as the Sun moves through your opposite sign there will be times of self-doubt. Bite back — hard.

9 Cancer June 22 - July 23

You will get what you deserve today: no more and no less. Jupiter in your sign links with Saturn in a way that guarantees you get out of life in direct proportion to what you've put in. And you've put in a lot.

Ω Leo

July 24 - Aug. 23

You may have to do something that makes you unpopular today but that won't worry you. You know there are times when you have to put duty before pleasure and this is clearly one of them. Do it well

M Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

Saturn may be casting a cloud over money matters but you can still have fun. Besides, if you keep a tight hold of the purse strings now you will have more to spend over the holiday period and party season.

△ Libra

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Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

Don't over-extend yourself at work or your energy may take a nose-dive early next week. Today's Jupiter-Saturn link will help you to persuade others to do things for you.

M Scorpio

Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

According to the planets you will do better, both financially and emotionally, if you open up and let friends and family members know how you feel and what it is you need.

₹ Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

Why is it that people are so demanding? Most likely it's because they know you are too nice to say "no". At some stage today you need to get tough and let certain people know they have to do more.

り Capricorn

Dec. 22 - Jan. 20 Your frustration may get the better of you and you will say or do something that gets you noticed for the wrong reason. At least others will be aware that you're not afraid to hit back at provocation.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

Accept that you won't get things your way all the time, especially at work where some people seem to take a delight in being unreasonable. It's only a passing phase.

H Pisces

Feb. 20 - March 20

Jupiter and Saturn link across the most favourable angles of your chart today and the most likely outcome is that you will be rewarded for services you have done for others in the past. SALLY BROMPTON

Crossword: Canada Across and Down

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37. Insect stage 38. Bronze Roman money 39. Sidekick

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product 4. William Tell's canton 5. Mr. Kaplan

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10. "The Bachelor" date site: 2 wds.

See today's answers at metronews.ca/answers.

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Yesterday's Crossword

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'esterday's Sudoku

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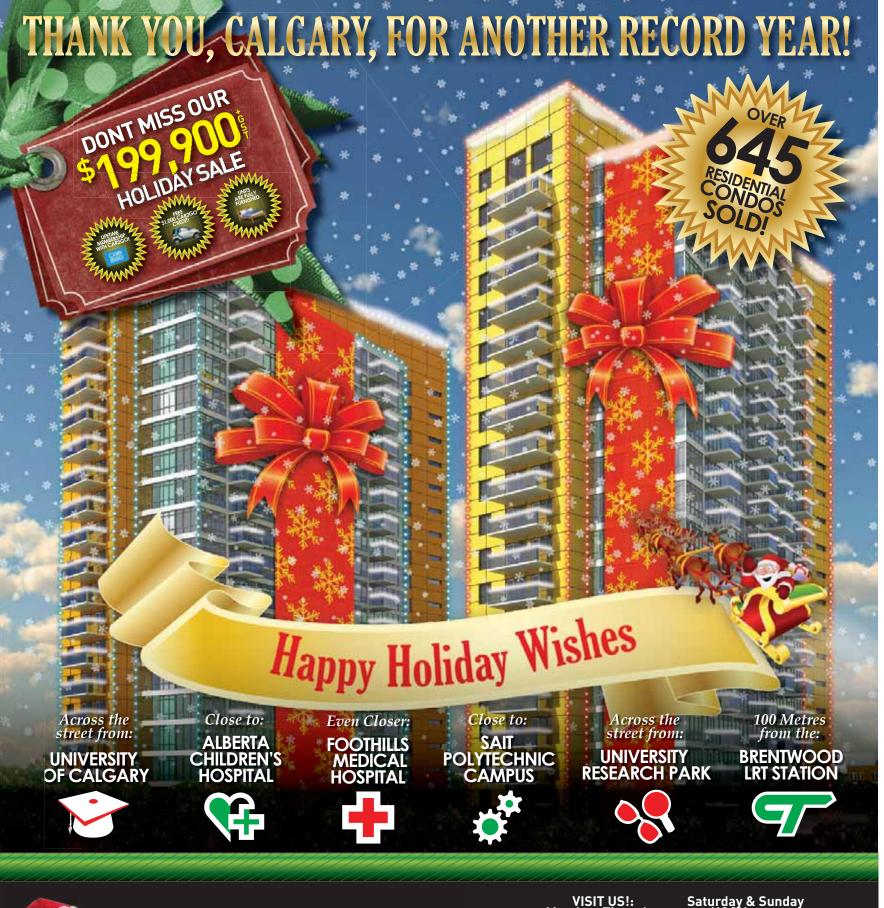
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